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Dear Family and Friends,

In our last letter we shared we'd be taking a trip to Tijuana for a week. We had an amazing trip!! We had the opportunity to observe a week of outreach in Tijuana. One of the major highlights of our trip was meeting Pastor Martin Castro. Pastor Martin is the pastor of a local church in Tijuana. He evaluates the needs of the people who express interest in having a home built, and compiles a list. We found out that the number of people on the list has more than doubled since our visit in December 2004. There are now fifty families waiting for a new home. In the past, YUGO has averaged ten homes built in Tijuana each year. This year there has only been three built. We also had the opportunity to visit the construction site of a house for a pastor in Ensenada. That's a city about an hour and a half from Tijuana. YUGO has a successful home building program in Ensenada, where they build around sixty homes each year. It is exciting to think that God will soon be using us to begin a home building program in Tijuana that could someday be just as successful!!

Pastor Martin was able to describe to us the houses in which these families currently live. The two main materials he stated that were used to build their homes were garage doors and tarps. What an awesome testimony these families will have to their friends and family when they receive a new home! Just a reminder, Ron's main job will be to start up and manage a home building program in Tijuana. The families must own their own property in order to receive a home. The homes are 16x20 feet, with a loft. We also observed one of these houses being built in Tijuana (pictured at right). We will share more about our trip in our next letter.



We would like to take this opportunity to update you on where we are in regards to financial support. Currently we have a commitment of almost 23% of our monthly financial need. We are amazed to see God at work in this way. However, we need 100% of our financial need met in order to head to Tijuana. We realize that not everyone has the capability to make a financial commitment to this ministry. Dedicated prayer partners are equally important. Also, a major reason in sending out letters is to keep you, our family and friends, well informed. We also understand that some may feel that giving a low amount each month isn't enough, and therefore may decide not to give at all. Let us explain what would happen if we had 80 people partner with us at \$15 a month, and 50 people at \$25 a month.

Our support would jump to 95%. So you can see how a "small" amount can go a long way. We'd love to have a large number of people partnering with us, knowing they would be thinking of us and praying for our ministry regularly.

After much prayer, we strongly feel that it is God's will for Ron to leave his job in June. We would then spend a few weeks visiting supporting churches, family and friends. If we meet our financial requirement by February, we will proceed to list our house for sale and sell the majority of our belongings. We have enclosed a card that we would like you to prayerfully consider filling out. If your commitment is to pray for us, we truly want to know. You may have the ability to partner with us financially. We have added an option to the card. If you would like to begin supporting our ministry in Mexico now, you may do so. All of your donation will go in an account for us and help us to pay our moving expenses. If you desire to begin supporting us when we reach the field in June, please check the appropriate box. You can send a monthly check or have it deducted right from your account – no hassle, no paperwork each month. We realize that there may be changes in your finances between now and then, in which case you can notify us at any time. The reason we need to know your commitment is because we will not be able to move forward

without it. Please contact us if you have any questions.

In Christ,

Ron & Kristy

Prayer Requests:

- ✦ *That the Lord will lead us to people willing to partner with us in our ministry.*
- ✦ *Continued healing for Ron's back.*
- ✦ *For speedy sale of our house when listed (goal of February).*
- ✦ *Praise for an awesome week in Mexico!!*