

# Iglesia de Cristo in Mapastepec, Chiapas Mexico

December 2010 Newsletter

Sunday, December 12th we hope to have completed the gathering of pledges for Mission Mapa 2011. I want to thank those who have responded, especially those who are supporting **God's work in Chiapas for the first time**. I truly believe God is using the Carrillo family to bring the Word of God to people who hunger to know the love of Jesus Christ.

I had a good visit with Enrique and Anay yesterday. They shared how December 31st will be **"Festival de Jesús"** in the tiny village of *Montana de Flores* located in the Sierra Madre Mountains. Remember the story of Christmas at Zapata? No doubt there will be firecrackers, food, fun and sharing the story of Jesus. I expect Montana de Flores will be like Tres de Mayo, with a small group worshipping there.



## Mission Mapa

Name \_\_\_\_\_

I (We) Pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for

\_\_\_\_ 12 months \_\_\_\_ 24 months

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Enrique knows if the Church is to prosper in Mexico it will not be the result of **"Drive by Missionaries"**. Boni and Cornelius are two Godly men Enrique has honed this past year. They now serve as leaders in what we might call **"Home Church"**. There are thousands of small Ranchitos in Chiapas; each one has need of spiritual leaders.

Creating opportunities for an opportunity may oversimplify the vision God has given Enrique and Anay **for Southern Mexico**. Today the church's learning center focuses on young mothers, teaching them skills and the love of the Lord. Think of the church being a much larger facility. A building with rooms dedicated to teaching skills like furniture building, mechanics, bee keeping and skills that help eliminate poverty in Chiapas. Enrique envisions a church that serves seven days a week, as an after school study center, a place for the weary stranger to find rest, a trades skill center, a school of theology, and a place of worship. Enrique and Anay envision a place that prepares people to bring the word of God to their communities. That God has chosen us to share in this is a rich blessing.



For many of us it is difficult to separate the Mission of God from the love we have for Enrique and Anay. Last year many of us in pledging support did so out of our love for them. This year people who never met the Carrillos have joined us in making pledges, they see the Mission of God being lived out in Chiapas. Today we all share in God's Mission there and are blessed in it. At the end of this year we will have met our 2010 pledges to Mission Mapa. We have also established a fund to be used toward a permanent facility. That fund is a long way from being able to support the future plans.

