



The Gathering Place, one of our youth events.



Kids warming up before their boxing class.

Lodi Seven—Mission Trip to San Nicolas Mexico

On Sept. 29th seven people from First Baptist in Lodi Ca flew into Guadalajara. Juan Ibarra and crew picked them up at the airport and began a five day blitz of relationship building, tutoring, giving of testimonies and just plain sharing with the many people in San Nicolas. It was very eye opening for the Lodi Seven. Steve Jordan and Rudy Guitierrez headed up a group that consisted of three Spanish speaking youth plus one from First Baptist. The rest of the group consisted of Laura Gomez, Susan Davalos, Juan Trejo and John Mark Van Ness.

The group was most impressed with the depth of commitment on behalf of

the adults and young people whose lives had been changed and given to Christ. It was easy to see the youth center there being a foundation for the ministry. On several of the afternoons during the visit the center was filled with young people, learning about how to have fun without drugs, alcohol, and bad choices. They were there working on school studies (along with some of the parents). They were there to learn about boxing and a disciplined life style. And, most of all they were there to discover the joy of knowing Jesus in every facet of their lives. The team joined in, often just for the sake of modeling the life of Christ. They joined families for meals on many occasions.

They joined community members in their happiness, and in their grief. In the end, it was tough for them to go back home. Many new friends had been won. Relationships were built. Promises to return were made. The Lodi Seven vowed to go home and tell their friends in First Baptist and Lodi Ca. They also vowed to go back to Lodi and work together to help draw on local resources to help this ministry. What God has been doing through Juan Ibarra and the YouthReach ministry is amazing and God honored.

Steve Jordan

Juan's Corner

The Lodi Seven. Wow! What a great start, partnering with the Lodi mission group who gave of their time and resources this past month. I look forward to this being the start for partnering with many other organizations, churches, and school groups to help move the vision forward in providing much needed help to kids, families, and community around the Chapala district in Mexico. Thank you to the Lodi Seven group from First Baptist Lodi. Keep us in your prayers as we continue to expand the vision of YouthReach.

Juan Ibarra

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