

Lifeline Ministries in Mexico



Who We Are – Dave and Dee Alei

We founded Lifeline Ministries in 1996 when the Lord led us to the north of England to establish a ministry base there. Previously, we had attended Fountain Gate Bible College for five years, had planted a church and co-pastored together, and had worked for several years with a counseling ministry in the United States. In the UK, we planted a church, established a regional ministry training center and conducted women's retreats around the north of England and in Northern Ireland. After six years and a sabbatical season back in the states, we followed the Lord's leading to Mexico. We have now been in Mexico for 4 ½ years. While our ministry in Mexico has primarily focused on working with pastors (to foster the concept of walking in revelation) and with area youth (to raise up a generation transformed by the renewing of their minds), we still have a heart for the precious women we encounter who need affirmation, healing, freedom and release to step into their giftings and callings to arise and become the women God has called them to be. More than anything, we are coaches and encouragers, endeavoring to walk more closely with Jesus each day, so that His heart and compassion can flow through our lives to touch others. We are not concerned so much anymore with building a ministry as we are with building PEOPLE. God's heart is for people, not for great things done in His Name. Dee is the author of two books, *From Bondage to Blessing – the Redemption, Restoration and Release of God's Women*, and *Thy Kingdom Come – Walking in Our Godly Inheritance*. We are members of the Antioch Fellowship of Ministers based in Blountville, TN.

Vision

Our "vision" in its most simple form is to touch the hurting and the lost (both inside and outside the Church) with the love and power of our mighty God, to equip and release the saints for the work of the ministry (Eph 4:11-12) and to raise up world changers.

About Mexico

Mexico is by and large a Catholic nation, but it is mixed with quite a lot of spiritism. Witchcraft and occult spirits are established here, leaving their mark of poverty, infirmity, neglect, addiction, shame, fear, control, abuse, and pain. Many young people are searching for something real, and an answer to the struggles they face. For this reason, many are forsaking anything that smacks of organized religion and seeking to live only for themselves. They are easily drawn into new age type practices, worldliness, secularism and a focus on materialism, all of which leave them empty and desperate. Teen pregnancy rates are very high here, despite the conservative culture. Women are often ignored, disparaged, betrayed by their spouse's adulterous relationships, and face many types of abuse behind closed doors - in a culture that exalts *machismo* and looks the other way. Mexico is indeed a nation of great need and constant challenge!

Current Projects

Youth Center – A youth center for the city of Guaymas will soon be ready to open to the public, a project we have been working on for over two years now. It will be a safe place for young people to come and visit with their friends, play pool, ping-pong or foosball, or just have coffee and some food together in the coffee bar. There will also be an internet café with computers and printers available, and a classroom in which practical workshops will be scheduled to help the young people develop improved life skills. The youth center will be manned by Christians who have a heart for the youth of this city, and will come alongside them with encouragement, support, love and friendship. We envision many teenagers coming to know Jesus through the youth center in the days ahead.



¡Conéctate! – This is a monthly city-wide youth event with five goals: (1) to challenge youth to connect with the Lord in a deeper way, (2) to build unity within the Body of Christ on another level by connecting youth from around the city with one another, (3) to foster a deeper experiential understanding of worship, (4) to develop leadership and to release young people in their giftings, callings and areas of anointing, and last but not least (!!!) ... (5) to exalt Jesus and glorify Him on a regular basis in the city center.

Christmas Shoebox Project – Several groups in New Mexico and Texas have been involved in preparing shoeboxes each year filled with items for personal hygiene, school supplies, toys and candy to give to the neediest of the children in this area. The boxes are gaily wrapped with Christmas paper and an annual highlight for many children here. Stuffed animals are also collected for children ages 4 and under. When we distribute the boxes and stuffed animals, we share the love of Jesus with the children, minister to them in various ways and pray for them, releasing the Holy Spirit to work in their lives.



Hosting Missions teams - As time permits, we like to host missions teams from outside Mexico in order to help foster a world vision among the Body of Christ and give individuals an opportunity to have their



lives changed through exposure to a different culture and the needs of third world countries. It is also a blessing and encouragement to the local people when they see others give their time and resources to come and serve here – to minister to *them!* Finally, “As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another” (Proverbs 27:17 NIV). This is what often happens when Christians from different cultures get together. We are glad to be a part of facilitating this sharpening process within the Body of Christ.

School of Worship and Music Ministry - We've been asked by the local pastors to open a school which will train people in worship and prepare them for music ministry. There is a real hunger for this here, but not much revelation concerning worship or musical expertise. It is an area of ministry very dear to Dave's heart, especially, and is something we will be examining prayerfully in 2010.

Books and other teaching resources, current and previous newsletters, as well as more information and photos of the ministry in Mexico, are available through our website: www.lifeline-ministries.net .