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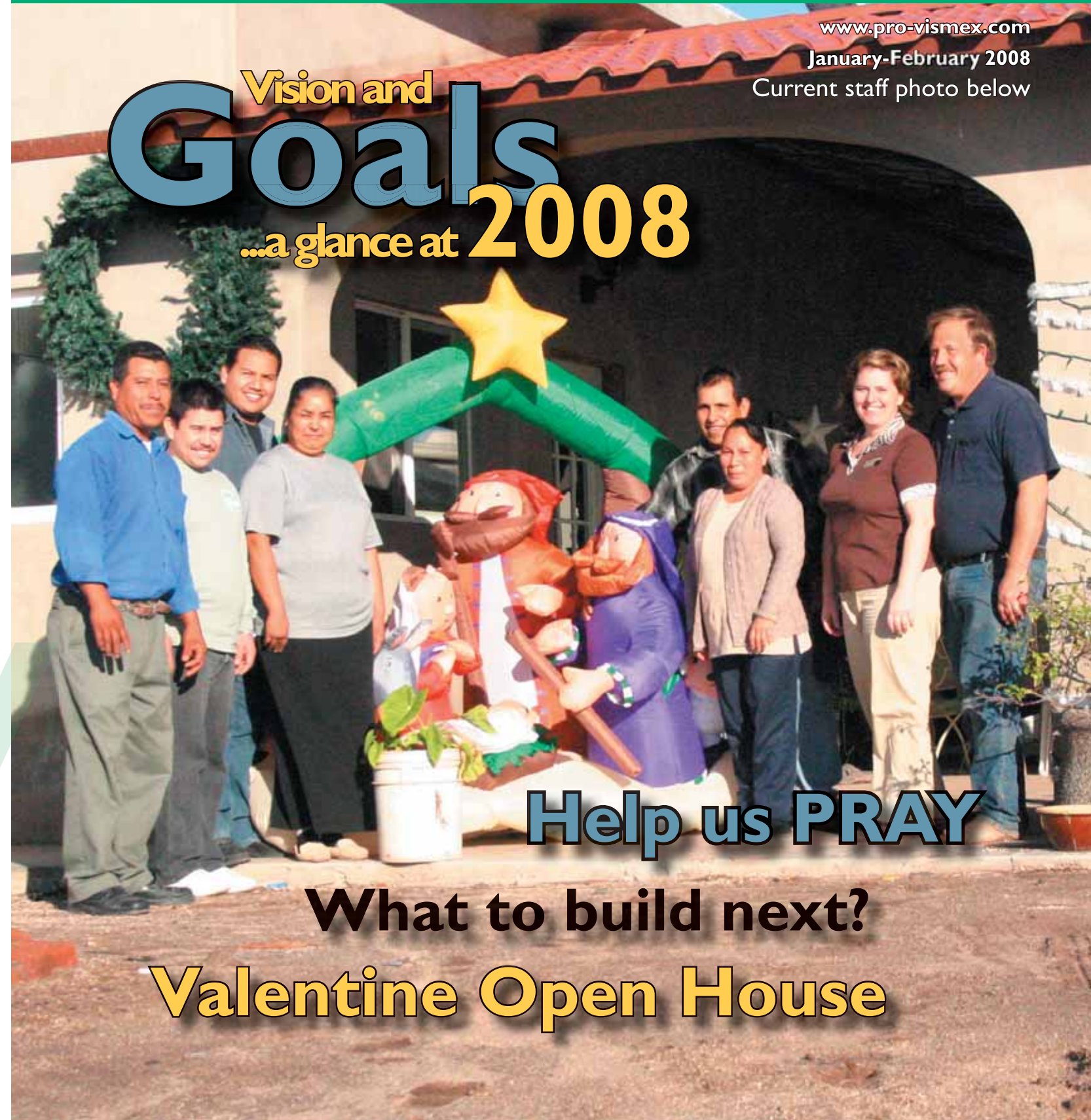
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Current staff photo below

Vision and  
Goals  
...a glance at 2008



Help us PRAY

What to build next?

Valentine Open House

# Just plain exciting making a difference

## Vision

God loves His people all around the world, and has a great plan for His church. It is so exciting for us to be a part of His plan for HIS church in Mexico. There are times when we feel totally honored with the opportunities that He has sent our way, and there are times when we experience fear to step 'out of the boat' and onto the water. It's a good thing that we serve a God who can do the impossible, since that is what He is constantly asking us to do. We have scheduled a tour this year from Feb through June that will reach over 500 churches in 18 cities, which will be reaching to over 40,000 kids this year. We have been asked "Why do we write our own curriculum?" The answer is simple; we have not found a culturally-relevant, Bible-centered program that is free of copyright restrictions. By writing our own, we are able to tailor the program to our target market: poor churches in Latin America: not succumbing to the popular desire for full-color printing that costs too much for them to buy, and too much for us to be able to give it away in bulk.

## Special vision section

Answering the question... "What are you doing in Mexico and why???"

**D**id you know that there is already an amazing network of believers across the nation of Mexico, ready to serve God? There are evangelical churches everywhere: from Baptist to Assemblies of God, from Independent churches to the Church of God, 7th day Adventist, Apostolic, Mennonite, and more. Each one of these denominations has a network of churches and believers. When you visit these churches, most of them are poor; barely covering the living expenses of their pastors, and cannot afford to buy study materials for their church members or visitors, but there are willing volunteers everywhere! There is an entire network of believers across the nation, that when they receive the supplies, they dive into amazing programs for children, youth, evangelism, and more. That's how we are reaching these 40,000 kids, and it's no exaggeration.



**Y**ou may also wonder how we can reach 40,000 to 100,000 kids! There is no way for us to actually touch each one of their precious lives physically, but writing this curriculum, and giving it away for free is SO much better.

**S**ome children are now going on three years of using our material, and they have now read the books of Mathew, Acts, Proverbs, and I John.



**W**e travel around putting on training events that inspire God's people to action, and give them the tools to do the work! We give them free books by the hundreds. If they have 60 kids in their ministry we give them 60 books! At each city, representatives from 20-100 churches arrive, and we load them up with the materials they need for the whole year. It's so much fun to see them get excited, but it's overwhelming as the stories of salvation and life-change come rolling into the office daily. It's actually working!!! Children across Mexico are hearing the gospel, reading their Bibles, and receiving training from their local churches, on a level much higher than they could do without the material. We are giving each child their own book, and it really does make the difference.

**T**his year they will be reading stories throughout the Old Testament as well as the book of James. We hear stories on many churches doubling the number of children they reach, pastors who are preaching from our children's ministry curriculum, churches who were not providing anything for children at all, but now have a weekly program. Many days we are in awe and feel like we are just riding a wave of what God is doing. He loves His people more than we do, and has given us our marching orders. We are to provide materials for the body of Christ, and we are to provide them free of charge.



Up to this point, we have mostly been distributing children's material, but this year we will be giving the same 500 churches our first youth material! The needs are endless, but so is our God. He loves his church in Mexico enough to use ordinary people like you and I to bless His church on a HUGE scale. It's just plain exciting!!!

# What will 2008 look like?

## >2008 at a Glance:

Year-round Writing  
Year-round production  
Valentine Open House for pastors  
Free Childrens ministry, youth ministry, womens ministry for churches!

### TOUR- Feb thru July

Feb 9 Etchojoa  
Feb 16 Obregon  
Caborca  
Feb 23 Navajoa  
Guamuchil  
Mar 1 Peñasco  
Mar 8 Guasave  
Magdalena  
Mar 15 Guaymas  
Nogales  
Mochis  
Mar 22 Hermosillo  
Apr 5 Agua Prieta  
Apr 12 Mochis  
Obregon  
Apr 19 Mazatlan  
Culiacan  
Apr 26 Guaymas  
May 17 Hermosillo  
Navajoa  
May 31 Obregon  
June 6-7 Obregon  
June 13-14 Obregon  
June 20-21 Culiacan  
July 11-12 Mochis

Summer Kid's Camp  
Women's Ministry  
program release  
Fall Evangelism Project  
Christmas Pastor's Baskets

In the office:  
Christian bookstore  
Printing help for campaigns  
Pastoral workstation

What does a day look like at Rancho ProVision??? We enjoy a few minutes together and a quick breakfast in the morning before the staff arrive. The first staff members arrive at 8am to start the day. Olga starts cleaning the office before the office staff arrives at 9am, and Paz and Gero enjoy a cup of coffee before heading outside to work on the construction, or diving into production. Toñita (Gero's wife) also arrives at 8am and enjoys Olga's company before she jumps into making books. Dwight visits with Paz and Gero in the morning a little before he dives into his many projects: mainly printing hundreds of thousands of books, fixing machines, buying construction materials and all other supplies, making shelves, accounting, etc. Kristi works on misc. projects till 9am when she sits down at her desk for the duration of the day, working on writing curriculum, designing the books, and overseeing the 'creative team'. German and Ruben both start at 9am at their desks in the office, diving into the curriculum project with Kristi. Olga serves lunch to the whole team around 1pm which is a great perk for those who work with us. Many days all of the staff arrives, and some days half of them work, and Fridays and Saturdays it's just Dwight and I and Paz. Sundays we enjoy rest and refreshment from God, so that we can hit Monday running again.

**Year-round** we are working on curriculum writing as well as printing and production, but the production is much heavier during the touring season. There are other events throughout the year that are a lot of fun and a lot of work; a valentine event for pastors and their wives, a summer kid's camp, women's ministry, evangelism projects, and the Christmas pastoral gift-baskets. We look forward to another year of growth in the ministry.

## >List of Needs:

250+ cases of paper  
5 vinyl windows for new office (\$500)  
Air Conditioner for office  
Furniture & Appliances for staff home  
Kitchen cupboards set  
Lamina roofing  
2 desks  
Electrical supplies

## >New Website:

Early this year, we will launch our Spanish website providing church resources! The focus of the website will be enhancing existing ministries with ideas and down-loadable curriculums. Although there is much available online in English, there is very little free material in Spanish.

## Update on the Construction

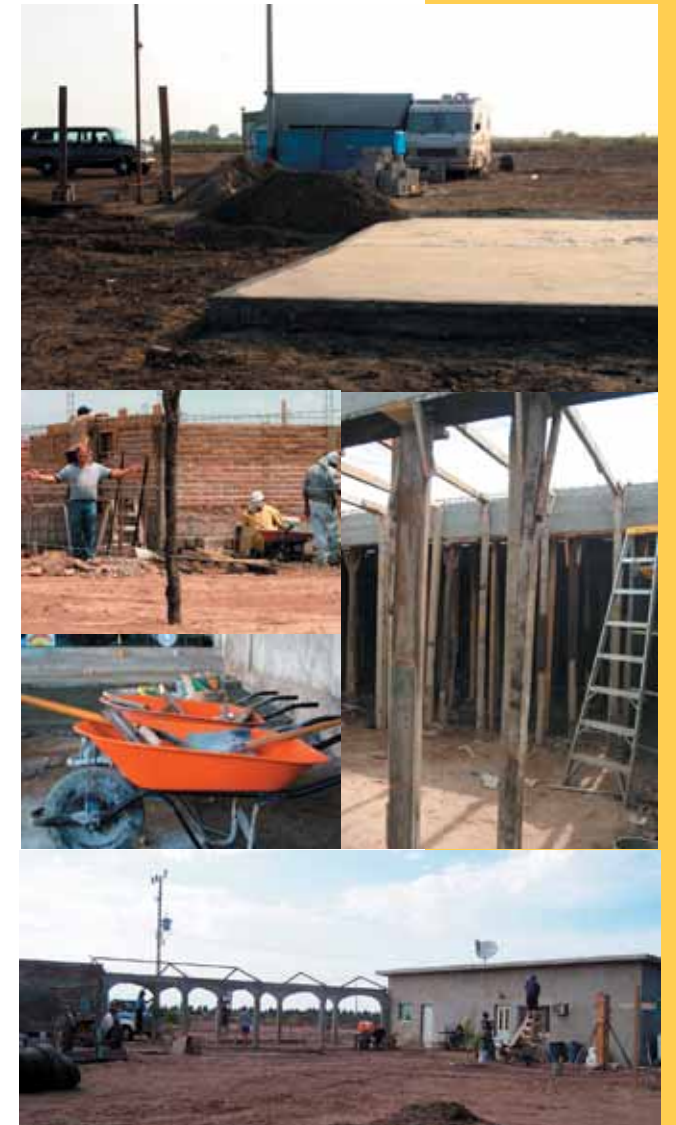
Answering the question... "What will you be building next???"

Hard to believe that we poured the first concrete pad at Rancho Pro-Vision less than three years ago! We now have a nice home, office, printshop and public restrooms as well as some really nice outdoor shade.

We just moved into our new 1000 square foot production facility! and boy, are we happy! While usable, it still lacks windows, wiring, lighting, insulation, plaster and an air conditioner though. We will be plugging away at these items and hope to have it insulated and air-conditioned by the hot season.

Our other upcoming construction plans are for a "bodega" (storeroom) and staff housing. When you order 100 cases of paper at a time, it needs some secure, dry floor space and we have filled up most of our new building already! Fortunately, a storeroom does not require insulation, windows or much lighting, just dry space.

Jim Elliot said he wanted a wife but a wife required a house and a house required a lawn and a lawn required a lawn mower, or something to that effect. We want people to come and work with us, and those people require a house and we need a place to put them! (Can't do much about the lawn with our dirt, heat and lack of water, but I'm pretty happy about the lawn mower situation.) We will be completing the second story on top of the new production building and outfitting it as a home. We still don't know for whom, but we believe God has someone (or someones) in the pipeline!



# Please **Pray** with us!



**God wants us to pray!!!** He could do everything on earth without our involvement, but that is not how He set up the universe. Not only does He want us to live a life of faith and action, but He wants us to PRAY for opportunities, PRAY for people, and PRAY for the wisdom and funds to get the job done. We cannot just sit around waiting for opportunities, money, or wisdom on this project. He wants us to ASK Him for what we need. Here in Mexico, we are living in a land of opportunities around every corner, where we could bless more people by the thousands. God loves those people, and wants us to grow and stretch to meet each challenge. Will you help us pray? Will you stand in the gap for the hundreds of thousands of people still unreached? We need your prayers now more than ever as we go for MORE spiritual fruit this year than we ever had in the past. We need your prayers as we grow beyond our knowledge or experience. Prayer really does make a difference, because that is how God set it up. We have not because we ask not. YOU are a part of the Pro-Vision team, and we desperately ask you to PRAY!

● **Pray for guidance** as we write the lessons and programs: our curriculum **MUST BE** God's Word to His people, not our thoughts or words. Pray for discipline to complete each program on-time. Pray for realistic expectations. Pray for more departments- not just children's ministry. Pray for more writing staff. Pray for a great material-writing atmosphere. Pray we get more material done faster!

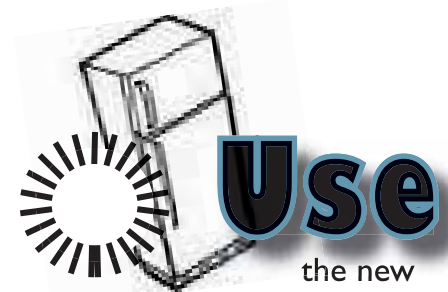
● **Pray for protection** against principalities of pride or greed that would come against this work here in Mexico. The enemy has had strongholds on the church for a long time, and will not easily let go. Pray that God sends angels to wage war in Mexico on behalf of His church.

● **Pray for more opportunities**, and that we can rise to meet them! We need God's help to be able to meet each challenge. Pray for an opening nation-wide in the Potter's House denomination. Pray for this new exciting opportunity to provide VBS material nation-wide to the Church of God. Pray for our new kid's camp this summer: direction, blessing, staff, planning, location, you name it, we need prayer on it! Pray for more opportunities to come rolling in!!!

 **Ask**

**God** for wisdom with our staff: we want to have a work-place that is inspiring, challenging, and aggressively getting the job done. There will be cultural differences as we are from another country, there will be times we need to hire more staff, and times we need to let someone go.

● **Pray for more staff!!!** "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest" We need more help to join us: both from Mexico and the U.S. There is too much to get done to not press on and find more help to do it. We must not be satisfied with our current staff situation because the churches need so much more than what we have the time to provide them right now. It's no small task for a strong Christian from the U.S. who is serving in the church already to leave that ministry and their friends and family to move to Mexico. We need help praying the staff down. Pray that they could break free from the chains that bind them to the U.S. Pray that their eyes could be opened to see the spiritual needs in Mexico and their own abilities and responsibilities to join in the work. (We have no idea who the Lord has planned, but know that we need help, and must continue to ask God for it!) Pray for Mexican staff at the right time, for the right project. Pray for a professional press-man. Pray for someone who can help us with lay-out who knows Adobe Indesign. Please pray for help!



**Fridge Magnet** to help you remember to pray. Thank you!!!

## Join us as we...

● **Pray for finances!** ...and wisdom as we seek additional funding sources such as grant funding. When we find the right Mexican staff, we need the money to pay their salary; when the opportunity came to provide VBS to all of Mexico with the church of God, we realized we needed more cases of paper, and the money to pay more book-making staff. We now have the staff trained to run the machines, and they want more work. We have a paper company who delivers twice a week. We now have 4 other speaking teams that will be trained in February to put on the events and give out the material. They are willing to tour more than we have them scheduled but we need to provide their traveling expenses. Cities and states farther south have requested the material, and the staff is ready to go, we just need more money! It's all set up and ready for God to open the flood gates, sell some of that cattle on a thousand hills, and send us some money to pay salaries, to buy paper and ink, and to pay the gas for the 4 speaking teams. So we ask you to pray for finances. God has given us a mandate to get material to His people for free, and we need more money to reach more people. Please help us PRAY! No task is too small or too big for our God.

