



DISCIPLING AND STRENGTHENING HEARTS FOR CHRIST

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Who We Are

Alex and Julie came to know the Lord while they lived in Puebla, Mexico in 1982. They have 3 grown children: Amelia, her husband Jordan, David and Amanda. Alex and Julie attended Charis Bible College (CBC) where they graduated in 2009. July 1, 2010, they were ordained into the ministry and now reside in Queretaro, Mexico.

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May the Lord direct your hearts to God's love and Christ's endurance.
2 Thessalonians 3:5

MEET RICARDO AND MARTHA

Editor's Note: It is our pleasure to be able to introduce to you Martha and Ricardo González who are the pastors we are working with in León. We met them years ago before they officially became pastors of Renacer (their church whose name means Reborn in English). During our family visits to León, we would always go to their church. None of us ever suspected that the Lord was connecting us for the things we are now doing together like the DE training.

We have asked Martha and Ricardo some questions about ministry in México and have translated their answers for you. We believe what they have to share will give you greater insight into the challenges facing believers and pastors here in México.

1. Are you and Martha both from León?

I (Ricardo) am a native of León, but Martha was born in a smaller city to the south. However, she has practically lived her entire life here in León.

2. How long have you known the Lord?

We were born again in 1984 nearly 27 years ago. Martha's brother prayed and ministered to all of us in the family. Martha and I were dating at the time.

3. What are Christians' greatest needs in León? (answer continued on p.2).....



Pastors Martha and Ricardo González

“León (pop. 1,137,465 inhabitants) is located in central México in a region very similar to what we call the Midwest in the U.S. According to the 2000 census, México has the dubious honor of being a country of one religion. Less than 8% of the population profess another religion. And most of the 8% live in the northern region bordering the U.S. These kind of statistics clearly show that León needs Jesus!” - Pastor Ricardo González, Renacer Church



Alex, Julie, Martha and Ricardo

Idolatry and indifference are the enemy's most powerful weapons in this region of Mexico. The greatest need of Christians in our area is to overcome being such a small minority. Another important need is to overcome ignorance of God's will. I don't have statistics to prove this, but in my modest experience I would say that the average Christian hasn't ever read the whole Bible. If we don't know His plan then we will continue to grab onto isolated verses and whatever doctrine is in style at the moment. We still see many Christians

who are completely lost when it comes to choosing between healthy Bible doctrine and the most "attractive-looking" church to attend. So many Christians hope to receive spiritual food from their church without considering if what they are receiving is having any positive effect on their daily life and their ability to read and meditate on the Word of God.

DE is just the kind of tool believers need to overcome ignorance of God's Word and to share with others the very thing that is changing them. Because the copyright permits reproducing it, *DE is the gift that continues to give*. Once believers go through a few lessons, they are already talking about how they could share the lessons with others. **Some of the members at Renacer who are unable to attend DE for work or health reasons are already being disciplined by those who are still taking the training!** What an awesome and growing opportunity we have to make disciples here in León and Querétaro. Interest in DE is increasing as people are experiencing the transforming power of God's Word! We are excited to see these opportunities expand in the near future.

If you are already a part of this ministry, we thank you for the difference you are making in believers' lives who are already taking DE to others!



DE training in León at Renacer

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Blessed in His love,

Alex & Julie

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