



# TECATE MISSION INTERNATIONAL

## NEWS

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### *Questions and Answers Regarding Our Perspective*

**Q. What do we at TMI have to celebrate?**

Numerical growth in TMI schools and some churches

Safe arrival and locating a home for the missionaries in Tanzania

Safety for missionaries in Chiapas in areas where there is much cartel violence and unrest

People making a choice to follow Christ. One student stated, "through the study of the Word of God I have been brought out of darkness into the Light."

Reports of new families added to the churches

Reports of counseling and marriages restored

Reports came of people obeying the Lord in baptism

Added home bible studies and much more

**To God Be the Glory**

**Great things He has done**

You make the difference on the partnership team of TMI by your prayers and giving. Someone just said the other day, "we pray for TMI everyday". God records all that is done in His name for the furtherance of the ministry and to bring glory to Him.

Thank you to all of those who respond financially to the projects which we share with you. For example, we were able to find an insurance carrier who will help to lighten the load of this important aspect of ministry here at headquarters.



#### **Home Going**

While ministering in southern Mexico, July 6th, the Lord called Kent Traylor home to glory. Kent will be greatly missed by the

entire TMI family. Our sympathies to his wife, Lila, who will remain as an active member of TMI, and to his children.

Kent was the Director of the Bible Institute of TMI. He was on a recruitment trip with his assistant director, Carlos Escobar.

Therefore Carlos has begun his leadership journey as the new director.

*(More information will be given about the institute in the next newsletter.)*



Each time God calls TMI workers into His presence, they go to their eternal reward, but there is left a vacancy in the ministry here below. Please help us to continually spread the need for more workers both here at headquarters and in TMI ministry sites. If you would be interest in a list of places to serve where there is a need, please contact Ron Hoffman or Willa Edmonds: [info@tecatemission.org](mailto:info@tecatemission.org).

## Questions and Answers



Recently we were very surprised to hear a TMI member sharing about the ministry of TMI and what they deemed as the “most important” of all the ministries. Please know that we follow the direction of the Lord in continually developing TMI to be multifaceted in scope and outreach. Therefore we do not place the importance of one ministry over the other even though one might be more prominent in location and size.

### **Purpose, Distinctives, and Membership**

Q. What is the main purpose of Tecate Mission International? **We exist to serve Jesus Christ and His Church by reaching the lost, developing mature disciples, and building God’s Kingdom in Mexico and the uttermost parts of the earth.**

Q. What are the core values of TMI?

- Evangelism in all opportunities
- Discipleship of believers
- Integrity in business and ministry
- Mercy and justice in everything
- Preparation of new leadership

Q. What are the different major departments of TMI?

- Bible Correspondence (Spanish & English)**
- Distribution Center**
- Bible Institute**
- 20 churches**
- Prison**
- Day schools**
  - Tecate Christian School**
  - Second Chance School**
  - The Potter’s Christian School**
- The Nations Among Us (see next page)**

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Q. Is the purpose the same throughout each department of TMI?

**Yes, the missionaries sign annually that that they are in agreement with the statement of purpose of TMI.**

Q. When did TMI begin? **1962**

Q. Where are the headquarters of TMI located?  
**1500 feet from the Mexican/American border in Tecate, CA**

Q. How is TMI supported?

**Individuals and churches send donations to assist in the cost of running the mission. TMI is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization. Donors will receive a tax deductible receipt within 10 days of their gift/donation being received at headquarters.**

Q. Does TMI have any debt?

**No, TMI operates in the black.**

#### Distinctives of TMI

**TMI is non-denominational-all must be united on basic doctrinal beliefs**

**TMI operates in the black-no debt**

**TMI is a faith mission with all missionaries and ministries responsible for their own partnership team. Each receives 100% of designated funds.**

**All major decisions made by the Executive Board must be unanimous.**

## Ministries Locations and Outreach

Q. How many churches are under the covering of TMI? 20

Q. What additional ministries are connected with the churches

Feeding programs, street and park evangelism, children's clubs, youth emphasis, marriage conferences, film showings, and more.

Q. Do TMI churches in Mexico belong to a Mexican Religious Association? Yes. We desire to obey the regulations of the Mexican government by maintaining a religious association to which all of TMI churches are members.

Q. What benefit is it for the churches to belong to TMI? \*legal protection provided by TMI's

A.R. Association

\* encouragement that results from shared membership

\*representation in TMI publications.

Q. Are the ministries of TMI only located in the U.S. and Mexico?

No, we have a couple (TMI missionaries) working in Tanzania, Africa, and another couple in Spain. We also have Bible correspondence students in different Spanish-speaking countries such as Cuba.

Q. Tecate Christian School began in 1968. What feedback do you receive from TCS alumni?

Former students ask for prayer or counsel and some share how God has used the school to establish them in their life of faith as adults. Several of the graduates have their children enrolled.



Q. Explain the ministry, *The Nations Among Us*. Dan & Debbie Bender are ministering to refugees who are struggling to make a new life in America.

Q. What do you hope to accomplish through the Distribution Center

Ministries?

We desire to meet the physical needs of people and use the items to show God's love and care for them and thus take advantage of every opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Q. Does TMI still have a ministry to those incarcerated? Yes, there is teaching, and communication in different ways. Emphasis is also placed on helping those who re-enter life after prison.

Q. Why do you continue with Bible lessons by correspondence sent through the mail? Can't students receive this same teaching on-line?

The majority of the students do not have access to computers, and many are in studying in prison facilities.

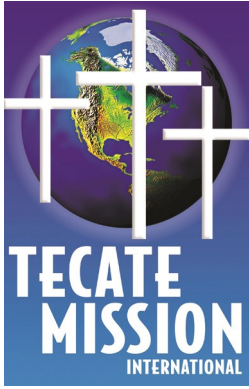
Q. How many of the 70 members and 9 retirees receive a salary from TMI?

No one. Every member must have a partnership/support team (*raise 100% of funds necessary for life and ministry*).

Q. How can interested people participate in TMI?

They can invest their time (which includes work and prayer), talents, and treasures.





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**The Ministry of TMI**

TMI is a non-profit, non denominational faith organization serving in the USA , Latin American and Africa from the base in Tecate, CA.

**The Mission of TMI**

TMI has a membership of persons who seek to accomplish the Statement of Purpose. Our purpose is to win the lost to Jesus Christ and to fulfill the Great Commission through recruiting, training, sending, and assisting qualified laborers in partnership with the Body of Christ.

**Your Contributions**

Your involvement through prayer, financial giving, and other personal contributions of articles or labor can make a difference in the lives of many people whom Christ loves and for whom He died. All funds are the property of TMI. In accordance with IRS regulation 501c3, this organization retains the right to determine the use of any and all funds while attempting to respect the suggested designation given. Funds are acknowledged with an official receipt for tax purposes.

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**Questions to Executive Director Ron Hoffman**

**Why are you planning a two-week trip to Chihuahua to visit TMI missionary Jesus Rivera? Missionaries serving at a distance from the headquarters need to know that they are not forgotten. I haven't been able to visit this ministry since 2019.**

**Needs for the Ministry in Chihuahua, Mexico**

- Church building repairs
- Repairs of 4-wheel-drive truck (used to transport missionaries, needed medical and food supplies, medical emergencies, repairs and maintenance items, and more).

**What is happening in the ministry there? There are 2 churches in 2 villages which continue to grow in evangelism, discipleship, and numerically.**



**Do you want to help?**  
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