

# Joyfully Serving



With a megaphone in the car window we'd drive through the dusty roads of La Libertad announcing, "Come to the gospel meeting at sundown".



We didn't announce the time, for no one owned a watch in this Mexican village. In fact, there was no electricity or running water.

The meetings were held in the Moreno family's tiny yard. Their seven children helped put three rough boards across boulders for folks to sit on. Most of the people stood for lack of space. My accordian squeezed out happy tunes as families approached in the dark. Roger preached by candlelight.

We fondly refer to this work as the church "God built". Yes, He's builds them all, but this work distinctively proves His hand. For within one year there was a lovely building with electricy. Neatly painted pews, replaced those makeshift planks. Only the neighborhood dogs and chickens couldn't detect the difference. For they frequently sauntered in thinking it was still merely the Moreno's patch of yard. But God deemed it holy ground and so did His people who filled its walls. God called a national pastor to care for this flock. We left it in Pastor Molina's capable hands in 1985. Roger & I went on to Ecuador for 12 years. **We just received this email:**

*Dear Brother Roger and Sister Dianne,  
Receive codial greetings from Pastor Molina and The Moreno family. We haven't communicated with you because we lost your address.*

*Today we found your web site and have happily located you. We have so much news to catch up on. Please know we always remember you with much love and warmth in Christ. Write us all about your news.*



**God delightfully taps us on the shoulder with news of His work in unexpected places . . .**

*Dear Roger & Dianne  
I am from St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. I have been asked to make a presentation on leadership in the church and found your paper to be closest to what I believe the Holy Spirit would have me share.*

*I am confident that our congregation will gain proper biblical perspective on modeling of Christian leadership through mentoring. I thank you for these writings to share with my congregants.*

Last night we got news from Cali, Colombia where a new group wants to start our training program. This is an answer to your prayers from our recent request for that region. We are thankful for you. Please continue praying for these new training centers, for REFORMATION IN LATIN AMERICA, and for the book we are writing on Personal Revival.

**Joyfully Serving,  
Roger & Dianne Smalling**



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