

# THE SYVERSON FAMILY

## Exploring Ministry Among the Tarahumara



We (our family and 4 young people) had the amazing privilege of going to northern Mexico to the state of Chihuahua to serve among a people group who are known (to outsiders) as the Tarahumara. Most of these people have conserved their own language and culture. The children are precious and the people are so friendly, though timid.



We started our adventure in the small mountain village of Bosigochi in a boarding school with about 60 kids ages 3-13. They come to school during the week to receive 3 meals a day and have a warm place to sleep.

There are 2 women (Sarafina and Silvia) who are basically in charge of making sure the kids are well cared for and some mothers who come in to help with the cooking. We had a chance to play with the

kids, help prepare food, teach them some new songs, and do some evangelism and prayer with the kids and in the community. Everything was through a translator because most of the kids do not speak Spanish but are beginning to learn it in school.

### THE NEEDS...

We were impressed with the facilities of the school and the care the children are receiving. There are MANY donations from the U.S. to help sustain this ministry economically. The need we saw was for true discipleship to happen for the woman working with the kids and for the children themselves, so that they would grow up and realize that they can have a different life and know what it really means to follow Jesus. Just in the few short days we were able to share, teach and pray with the women, we saw the impact it had on them. We are praying for God to open doors for us to continue ministry to these women and also send long term workers to focus on discipleship that will make a lasting impact on the culture.



The second part of our time in the mountains of Chihuahua was spent in the small town of Samachique, population 3000. This is known as the "heart of the land of the Tarahumara". There was a hospital there built and run by missionaries. There was a small grocery store and some government schools. There was an obvious presence of the drug cartel who are in control of the whole area. They leave the missionaries in peace because they know they are there to help the people. But everyone must use wisdom and stay inside after dark.



# THE YOUTH NEED TO HOPE AND DREAM...

We had the opportunity to minister among the youth of the church in town. We saw so much potential in these young people. But many of them feel stuck with no way out of their small town.

One young lady we met gets beat up at school on a regular basis because she became a Christian but she refuses to renounce her faith. She took some of our group to visit and encourage some of her friends who DID stop coming to church because they couldn't take the persecution at school and home.

We see great possibilities for future ministry among these youth. Please pray as we pursue future ministry opportunities among these beautiful people!

Blessings,

The Syverson Family



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