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Behold ye among the nations, and <u>regard, and wonder marvelously</u>: for <u>I will work a work in your</u> <u>days, which ye will not believe</u>, though it be told you. Habakkuk 1:5

It is utterly astounding! Nearly unbelievable! God is actively and constantly working to accomplish His purpose in ways very different from ours, and His work extends far beyond our imaginations. These past two months in Tepic are prime examples.

The young people from IBBM-Tepic have learned to use their God-given talents and creativity to serve and reach out to others,



ve and reach out to others, especially to those of the "household of faith." They planned a beautiful Mother's Day celebration complete with a dramatic presentation, special music, organized games, and fruit salads for everyone in



attendance; and they did the same for Father's Day. God used Pastor Martín and Pastor Nacho's messages to encourage and exhort us to allow God's righteousness to flow through us.



Our Huichol brothers and sisters from the villages of Zapote de Picachos, La Bendición, Loma Alta, and Carlos Alatorre have marched full-steam ahead through the latest door God has opened for reaching Huichol people with the Gospel and planting a new church. As they pooled their resources,

representatives from each village met in the village of Carrizal to

erect a hand-hewn ramada to house the fledgling church. Pastor José López baptized the village shaman, Victoriano, along with several other new believers from his village. They have acknowledged the authority of Cacaüyari, the one-true God, repented of their sin and committed their lives to Him. Victoriano burned the "magic" trappings from his old way of worship. Every week a few from one of each of the four founding missionary villages alternates in traveling to



Carrrizal to continue teaching and evangelizing until God provides a pastor for the baby church.

The 19th year of OANSA at IBBM-Tepic culminated as usual with granting of awards for children who have worked diligently all year hiding God's Word in their hearts. In addition, four energetic leaders-in-training received their official red shirts indicating that they have fulfilled all the requirements for becoming full-fledged leaders. It was a day of great celebration in anticipation of the rewards promised to those faithful servants who eagerly prepare for our Savior's anticipated return.

The annual OANSA fair, the following week, gave the clubbers the opportunity to spend their hardearned OANSA pesos at carnival-like booths



designed and administered by each leader. The kids love it!



God is working a work in our days, as Habakkuk announced, in ways that are hard to believe, and His work is not limited to local efforts. In less than two short weeks, Erén (Pastor Martín's wife) and I will join forces with a team from North Village Baptist for the chief purpose of encouraging and introducing the AWANA children's outreach opportunity to the Libanus Baptist Church in Llanfairfechan, Wales, just as a team from NVBC did for IBBM-Tepic 19 years ago. This missions' effort now has gone full-circle, as Erén, an OANSA leader since the beginning of the Tepic church club, will be reciprocating in sharing the Good News and tools for spreading it in yet another nation. Habakkuk was not kidding as God told him

to declare that we are to look around at the nations and be amazed! The enemy is always in opposition to this kind of goal; thankfully, we know that that places him in opposition to the Creator. Please pray with us as we go, and thank you.

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All because of Jesus and in His love,

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