

AN UPDATE FROM

The Rivera Families

PARKSIDE'S MISSIONARY PARTNERS IN MEXICO

The Riveras live and serve in Oaxaca and Tapachula, Mexico. Although they share the same last name, they are not related. Both families work with Equipping Servants International (ESI).

EDGAR AND LETY RIVERA

OAXACA



Edgar currently leads two (ESI) study groups in Oaxaca. He makes regular trips to encourage the indigenous pastors in Amoltepec,

whose first language is Mixteco, through the study of God's Word using ESI material. He is in the process of starting a new ESI study an hour south of Tijuana in Ensenada, Baja California, where there is a large group of Mixteco-speaking immigrants from Amoltepec. Edgar is participating on the Board of Directors for the Mexican entity of Mission Aviation Fellowship working to build a solid base for the work in Mexico.

LOCAL MINISTRY & FAMILY LIFE

Lety keeps busy as a wife and mother. She also enjoys teaching women's Bible studies and is involved with ministry at a local women's prison. Edgar and Lety have three children: Ana Gracia (29), Juan (27) and Esther (17). They have one grandchild, Ander, who will be 2 in April. They are involved in a local church, where Edgar is responsible for teaching the Word on a regular basis. Ana has finished her master's degree and year of required rural service. She is now working at a hospital as a nutritionist and part of the praise team at a local church. Juan is a missionary-in-training at Parkside. Juan and Amy hope to serve as missionaries in a closed country. Esther is a senior in high school and is considering options to continue her education.

Edgar and Lety are very thankful for all the loving care and prayer support they receive from the members of Parkside Church, which encourages them in the ministry.

NERI AND KARINA RIVERA

TAPACHULA



Neri and Karina live in the City of Tapachula in the State of Chiapas near the border with Guatemala. Chiapas is the Mexican state with

the fastest church growth but with the least access to pastoral training. They also are confronted daily with the needs of 130,000 refugees from South and Central America living near them.

PREACHING & DISCIPLESHIP

Neri is leading a church plant in the City of Tapachula. They are experiencing continued growth and are busy with evangelistic Bible studies and discipleship training. They have acquired property which required an unexpected investment in a solid foundation for the building but are pleased that the roof will be installed in the near future. Neri leads three ESI study groups and helps train new ESI leaders. Two of the groups require a 10-hour drive each way over mountain roads and through areas with cartel activity.

FAMILY LIFE

Karina is a busy mother and actively engaged in ministry alongside Neri. They have six children: Zian Areli (34) is a nurse, Zurizadai (30) teaches college English, Angie (26) is studying graphic animation, Carol (24) is finishing an engineering degree in biochemistry, Sara (15) and Juan (10). They also continue with custody of four orphaned children from their church plant (ages 11-17). They are very grateful for Parkside's participation in the gospel with them.