

Huitzapula – Guerrero State, Mexico



picture: The brick walls of the Huitzapula Church are under construction. This picture is from across the river arriving from the main road.

Huitzapula: This is a small Indian village hidden over a mile high in the mountains of southwest Mexico in the state of Guerrero. A five-hour drive from Chilpancingo the Mexican government has been slowly paving the road to Huitzapula. The last twenty miles remain unpaved.

They speak the local Indian dialect. A native interpreter, as well as a Spanish interpreter will be needed for US teams. At this time there are several church members who are training as Spanish interpreters.

Pastor Reuben lives with his wife Rachel in a well-built parsonage. The downstairs is nearly complete and no construction has begun on the upstairs.

A new church is under construction. Currently the church members hold services in a temporary bamboo hut with a tarpaper roof.

The congregation is about 100 women, children and older men. Since 1999 FUMC, Columbus, MS has sent four teams. Due to the isolation, supplies are brought in from Chilpancingo and other near by towns. Food, clothing and medical supplies are needed to keep this mission growing.

Pastor Reuben and his wife Rachel have established five small mission churches in the surrounding mountainside. Under Reuben's leadership a strong evangelical movement has been created. Transportation is a problem for Reuben and a vehicle of some kind would be a great addition to this mission. The river flooding is beginning to be a concern for this property.