



Training for persecuted churches in Mexico

The Veritas ministry in Mexico is expanding

Here follows a short report from Marco and Rosa Reyes who lead the work there:

One of the places that has impacted our hearts is the state of Chiapas (photos on right), in the south on the border with Guatemala. It is the poorest state in Mexico. It has the highest rate of Christianity amongst the native Indians, but also has the highest persecution. The Christians there are in danger of losing their lives just for believing in Christ and for not participating in idol worship. The pastors live in isolated areas in the mountains and are not able to get any formal training. Usually big churches are not interested in them, but praise God for Veritas. Using the training we are able to impact the church and make a difference in the lives of pastors and their congregations. We truly believe that God is doing and will do mighty things with these pastors and their communities.



In Ameca, a small town just north of Guadalajara a group of young people (ages 17-22) are being trained for a 3 year period to serve the church. Veritas forms part of their training. The student in the red shirt is Fidel. Although he is blind, he is an active participant in the training.



Francophone Training

A report from David and Naomi de Wet, who lead the Veritas training in Francophone Africa

South Africa has changed drastically in the last twenty years. It is well known that many white South Africans emigrated to countries like Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the UK, the USA and several other countries on all the continents. It is less known that for each South African that left the country, at least ten immigrants from other African countries immigrated to South Africa.

Many of these immigrants are Christians and they tend to form their own communities instead of integrating into the existing churches. About 40% of the African continent was French or Belgian colonies which still use French as language of communication today. As we serve Francophone Africa, the needs of these French speaking immigrants have come to our attention.

Most of the training is done by Jean-Blaise Mougani. He fled from the Brazzaville-Congo about twelve years ago because of the civil war in the country. He was in the first group of Francophone participants that did Module 1 in 2007. Since then he has become a facilitator and started training several groups proceeding through the modules.

At the moment, he is facilitating his first groups with Module 4, while continuing with other groups doing modules 1 to 3. He also helps David de Wet with training two pastors of prominent Francophone churches in Cape Town, as facilitators for Module 1.

Three members of his first group, who are doing Module 4 now, also enrolled for the Cert IV. They are the first Francophone Cert IV students, and are facilitated by David.



Jean-Blaise (left) helps with the training of Pastors David (middle) and Joël (right) as facilitators for Module 1



Richardson, Charlotte and Loret are the first group doing Cert IV in French with David.

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