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## Caldwell Missionary Review

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Central Mexico as founders of  
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**Camps  
are a tool  
used by church  
leaders to develop  
more leaders  
through the expe-  
rience gained by  
participating in a  
camp adventure.**

### Strategy

Love people.  
Do camp.  
Pray.

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# Camping is a Tool

## Leadership and Salvation

RYCCA uses Christian camping as the media to contribute to leadership development in the local church.

Our expectation as an outcome of investing in the development of leaders is that kids will serve their maker rather than themselves. Instead of submitting to the world's system of values they will stand for Christ.

We have chosen to use the fun and activities at camp as a place where God fearing counselors can establish relationships and rights to speak Jesus into the lives of children.

## Authority

We work through the authority of local pastors. They recommend counselors. We work through the authority of parents who have given us permission to communicate God's truths to their children.

We work with the resources you invest in this ministry. The authority you claim over your time to pray and the use of your finances affects the outcomes of this ministry here in Mexico.

"Let us begin where we are and train a few of the lowly to become the great... We must begin like Jesus. It will be slow, tedious, painful, and probably unnoticed by people at first, but the end



*Counselor training activity  
preparing to serve*

result will be glorious even if we don't live to see it."

The Master Plan of Evangelism and Discipleship  
by Robert E. Coleman p. 38.

## Dangerous Walk

Fun-filled Nico has been busy recruiting and training about 30 qualified counselors for this summer. He visits pastors, attends and speaks at gatherings to share the ministry opportunity inherent in camping.

On the weekend, Nico puts on preachers clothes. He works with his small church in a village 45 minutes from Morelia.

Nico is developing a preaching point another hour's walk from the village. Community members there have been shot and killed over issues likely relating to drugs.

Would you like to accompany Nico? Go with God. It can be dangerous up there in the mountains! He has to walk or ride a horse to get to the preaching point. There is no road.

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## Pins & Sins

There are two bags of clothes pins laying on the left side of my desk. They need to be spray painted different colors so we can use them to play a game at the park. It's a fast moving game with easy rules... get as many of your playmate's colored pins as you can! After seven minutes the counselors will sit the kids down in small groups and explain in simple terms that their inherent fevered motivation to steal clothes pins runs parallel to the world's value system. Maybe some of the kids will see their human nature is right in line to vainly strive for material success.

Without hanging out any dirty laundry the counselor will share confronting words of Jesus... "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.", "It is better to give than receive...", and "Seek first the kingdom..." Jesus was not a proponent of "Those with the most toys wins."

## Park It

The park we will be using was, just months ago, a community example of bad choices. Ana has done extensive work there. Contacts she has developed for RYCCA with governmental departments and officials have brought needed supplies and materials to renew a place that was used more for evil than good. Garbage has been picked up by the neighbors, trees have been planted, paint covers the graffiti, and kids are playing in a nicer environment.

Now, thanks to God's mighty hand and Ana's loving persistence the community will be celebrating a renewal opening of the park. RYCCA camp counselors will be on hand participating in the fun. The counselors will also be a witness to the underlying plea of the community that they want better lives for their children.

When the party is over Ana and RYCCA camp counselors will continue taking time to be with kids. Ana lives in this rough neighborhood. She cares for the people that live there too.

With Ana's help, RYCCA is using park facilities as a place to teach prospective camp counselors how to make relationships with kids and how to use camp geared activities to communicate Biblical messages.

RYCCA has been given, in writing, permission to minister in this park. We can model, mime, and muppet. We can drama, draw, and dance. We can teach, test, and train, game, give, and grunt! The opportunity is before us to make a difference in this developing neighborhood.

If you would like to visit Morelia to help or just know more write us at [David@RYCCA.org.mx](mailto:David@RYCCA.org.mx) anytime.



## Bill

Bill Ensinger is visiting for two months to help with our computer systems and web site.



Ana (on far right) at park with community leaders

## Spain

Ana is in charge of RYCCA's girls counselors and developing the park as a tool for training camp counselors. She desires to be a missionary to Muslims. For her first missionary journey, she has just spent three weeks in Spain with Leola Spyker and a team from Mexico. Karen has been able to pray with Ana and direct her in this process.

Pray with Ana as she asks God for two ladies helping her in the park to come to Christ. These are influential women in the community.

## Speaking

In the weeks ahead:

RYCCA has plans to be sharing vision via fliers and announcements at a city wide pastors conference and a large singles conference.

I have been asked to share on a topic related to Human Resource Leadership in another town at a small pastors gathering.

