

# THE CHILI PEPPER

HOT NEWS FROM LOS DOMOS, MEXICO

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## Camp Preparation Months

Karen's Font | April 30, 2019

We send our greetings from under the shade of our pine trees here in the mountains of Michoacán, Mexico. April has been a month of very hot days, though we are grateful to be cooler than the surrounding cities because of our altitude (1,000 feet higher) and the breezes over the lake. We have had no rains for many months and our plants suffer during this time, yet it is the perfect season to do much of our construction projects before the rains come and camp starts. March, April and May are prime months to get much done in preparation for camp in the summer.

In addition to working on construction projects this month, we had the privilege of hosting an orphanage from Queretaro. They had four days of camp and were able to enjoy the lake and all the fun that goes with the waterfront in this heat. With that group came a dear friend of mine that I had not been able to fellowship with for about 12 years. We enjoyed being able to talk about our families, our ministries, and our Lord. What sweet times we had to catch up on years of being apart.

I continue to do much with our gardens. I have been able to give some rose stems away to people attending events. What a blessing. I am grateful for health that has allowed me to enjoy horticulture. It sure is rewarding when our visitors come and receive fruits of our labor during camp, retreats, family gatherings, and baptisms; a bouquet of flowers for a neighbor, fresh lemons sent home with visitors, etc. This is just another way of sharing the love of God. We pray that God's presence here will touch many lives for His glory.



In His Service,  
Karen  
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## **Baptism at Los Domos**

Discipleship | April 2019

The Sion church family came for a day by the lake one Sunday this month. They came to celebrate a day of baptism surrounded by fun and fellowship. David was asked to help the pastor baptize. Later, many played games and of course there was a smorgasbord of food for a great feast.



## **Teaching Artisan's Workshop**

Training | Spring 2019

I (David) began my first of eight classes teaching new believers (the same and more that were recently baptized at Los Domos). I am also working with a married couple who will be the workshop's next teachers in July. We spend time together after the morning service. We are seeking to teach new believers how to learn on their own through common Christian disciplines like regular Bible reading, verse memorization, prayer... It has been invigorating to develop a curriculum that encourages them to participate and become active in doing the Word of God and not just become a hearer only. My goal is for the workshop to reproduce new teachers along the way.



## **Family Day at Los Domos**

Outreach | April 2019

One of the advantages we give our workers is the use of Los Domos *gratis* to celebrate their family outings. In 2008, a quiet mason came to work for us when most of his community thought us strangers from a far-off land. Our kids have fond memories of working alongside him to build one thing or another in the early days. Over the years, his downcast eyes have come up to meet ours and his mustache can't hide his smile anymore. Ever since, one or more of his family has been working at Los Domos. Now, even Raul's grandson comes from time to time to contribute a few hours of help. It is great that family can work together and learn skills from another generation. This most recent event was a party for a 15 year old's birthday. Karen, famous here for her chocolate cakes, made one for him. There was laughing and shouting as they hit the volleyball back and forth over the net and played ga-ga ball. Then they got the kayaks and went for a fun paddle on the lake. Each year there are more activities and so each time this family comes they enjoy a new one. This year the zip line was the attraction. We love this family and are praying that God would touch each of their hearts so that they might know Him personally.



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