



# First Presbyterian Church

Where God's Love Makes all the Difference.

## MISSION in MISSION 2012

### Vision...Why Mission in Mission?

*"Christian rhetoric without tangible acts of love is hypocrisy."*

- Leroy Barber, Pres. Mission Year

Mission in Mission is The First Presbyterian Church's response to what "tangible acts of love..." looks like, smells like and feels like. We are a church located on the border with Mexico, in the midst of many colonias with their housing needs, educational obstacles and health care and nutritional issues. The First Presbyterian Church, Mission feels that God has strategically placed us here to provide opportunities for people to experience Jesus Christ, and grow as his disciples. We are a congregation with a heart for mission, blessed with a wonderful facility to be used in serving others.

"Mission in Mission" has four goals for each mission group who works with us:

- **Meaningful Hands-On Work:** home construction, working with families and children, or with organizations within our community.
- **People Contact:** we want you to have life-on-life experiences with the people you are serving and not just accomplish a task (no matter how important it is).
- **Mission Education:** that combines Jesus' ministry to both physical and spiritual needs. Remembering that we're not "fixing them..." but sharing God's love and mercy with another child of God, as equals.
- **"The Take Home Peace..."** If you make time to join us in Christ's ministry, you won't return home the same person.

We believe that the "Peace, Accomplishment, Satisfaction" that you experience on short term mission trips is important but your mission experience is not complete until it has changed the way you live everyday...

It has been my experience for the past 25 years in pastoral ministry that churches that are involved in the "Hands-On" mission of Jesus Christ are most alive...If this mission lifestyle experience is what you have been looking for, please register on-line or call me for more information at 1-956-585-4829.