

Dear friends:

Greetings!

More Than Just Building Buildings

The church seated 400. The children had been dismissed to Children's Church. Every seat in the sanctuary was taken and the overflow stood in the vestibule. I stood on the platform and wept, as did many others in the congregation. This was in Atoyac, about an hour and a half northwest of Acapulco. I built this church in the mid eighties along with a very nice medical facility. This was a special occasion to honor Mary Lou and I as founders of the church.

There were so many memories flooding my mind as I stood looking at the gathering of people. Tom Shaffer, who was such a great help to me for many years, was there as well as many pastors and students from our Bible School. It had been a number of years since I had returned to visit the church in Atoyac.

I now understand how the Apostle Paul felt as he wrote to the Romans, "I long to see you in order that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established, that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine." (Romans 1:11 & 12)
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I realize that we are needed in Atoyac for more than just building buildings. We are needed in Chiapas for more than just building buildings. We are needed in Northern Mexico for more than just building buildings.

As Paul said, we need the encouragement of one another, and to share one another's faith



It is great to build church buildings, but even greater to build people. To build congregations. Buildings do not weep when you have to leave. People do.

As Paul was leaving Ephesus, he said, "And now, behold, I know that all of you, among whom I went about preaching the Kingdom, will see my face no more." (Ephesians 20:25) And in verses 36-38, "And, when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. And they began to weep and embraced Paul and repeatedly kissed him, grieving especially over the words which he had spoken, that they should see his face no more. And they were accompanying him to the ship." Buildings have no feelings. They do not cry. But people do.

I Must Needs Go



There are many places in the Bible that say, “I must needs go” or “I must needs pass through.” Well, there are many places that I must needs go and visit. Many churches that were built during the last 35 years of our

ministry. Big churches in big cities, and small churches in small villages. In God’s eyes, they are all the same. Every soul is equal with the other. I will not forsake the building of new churches, but neither will I forsake the pastors and congregations who long for a visit from me as much as I long to visit them.

Paul, I know exactly how you felt.

Closing Notes from Larry

I’ve just returned from the North. I will be in Atoyac in November.

Some people rush toward retirement. I rush away from it. Some say retirement is a time to rest. I say, “How can I rest when the need is so great?” The need to visit so many in the US is also on my heart. I love and appreciate you all, on both sides of the border.

Larry Myers

