

*MMK VBS 2011*  
*LESSON FIVE*  
*MEXICO*

Welcome back to our Mission Moments at Vacation Bible School. What country have we been talking about this week? Yes, we have learned a lot about the country and the work of the Evangelical Congregational Church in Mexico.

Along with El Retiro, the children's home that is directed by Rev. Carlos and Martha Reyes, the E.C. Denomination has 11 Churches in Mexico. If you would go to the northeast part of Mexico, you could visit any one of these churches. Of course, it would help if you could understand Spanish. **(Show picture with the map of the churches and point out each one.)**

The names of the churches are:

1. **Rio Bravo** (Ree-oh Brah-voe)
2. **Diaz Ordaz** (Dee-ahs Or-dahs)(These two churches are very near the border of Texas)
3. **General Bravo** (Hay-nair-al Brah-voe)
4. **General Teran** (Hay-nair-al Tay-ron)
5. **Allenda** (Ah-yain-dah)
6. **La Morita** (Lah More-rita)
7. **Congregacion Calles** (Cone-gray-gah-see-own Kah-yay-ss)
8. **Guadalupe** (Goo-wah-day-loo-pay)
9. **Salinas Victorias** (Sah-lee-nahs Vick-tore-ee-ahs)
10. **Monterrey** (Moan-tay-ray)
11. **Reynosa** (Rey-nos-a) This is a church plant

Each one of these churches has their own pastor but the leader of all the pastors in Mexico is Rev. Elias Martinez. (A-lee-us Mar-tee-nace) **(Show picture of Elias with map and talk about the statistics a little bit.)**

As you can see, Mexican men and women and boys and girls are learning about Jesus and his love.

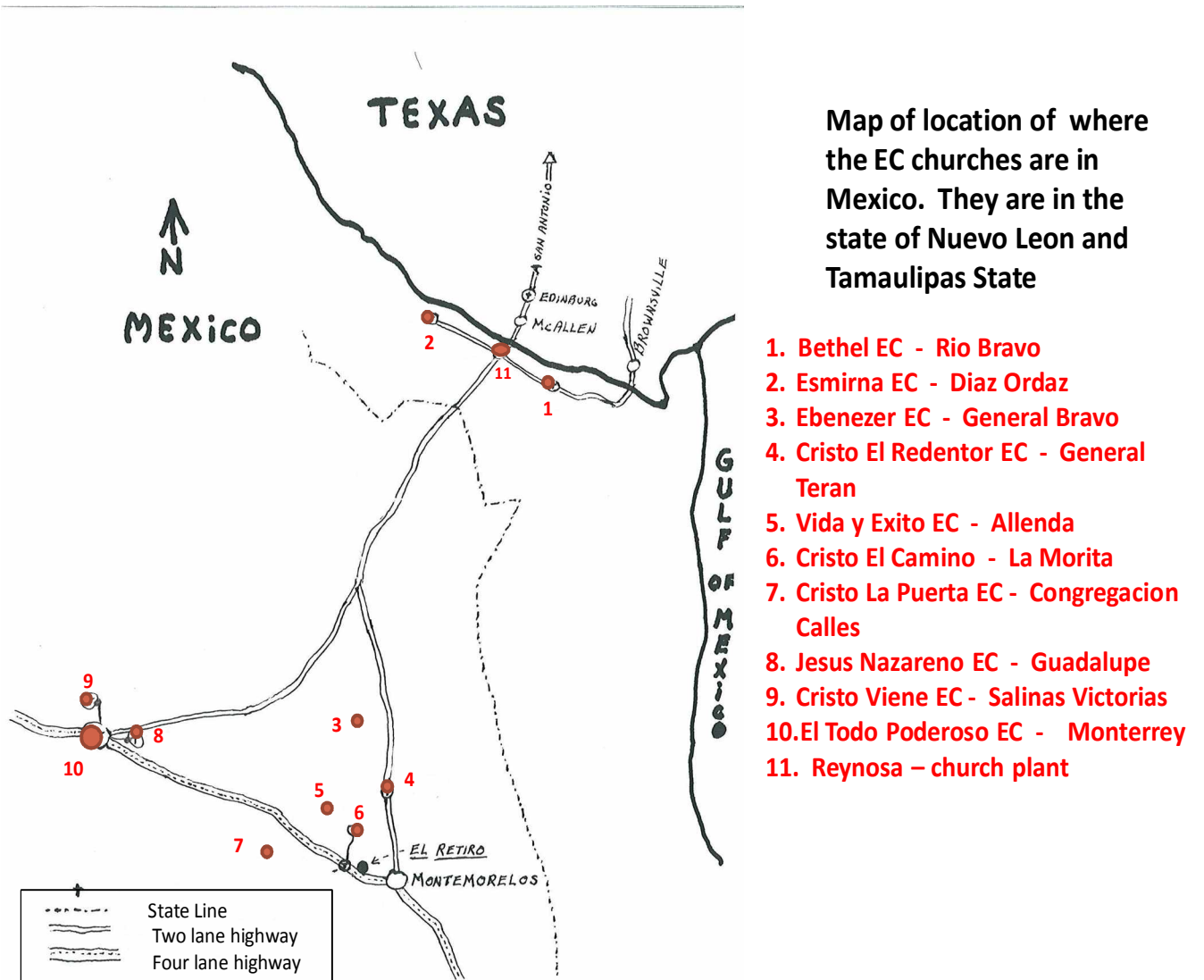
We already know that Rev. Carlos Reyes is the pastor of one of the churches as well as the director of El Retiro Juvenil. He pastors La Morita Church. Rev. Elias and his wife, Myrna (Meer-na) pastor the church in General Teran as well as being the leader over all the pastors. Can someone find La Morita Church and the General Teran church on the map? **(Show map and choose children to point to the churches.)** Rev Elias and Myrna have 2 daughters, Zuri Sadai and Asenet. (Zoo-ree Sah-die and Ah-say-nayt)**(Show picture of the family on a paddle boat.)** If they were here today they could be part of our Vacation Bible School. The girls are right around your age.

The children in Mexico love to go to Sunday School. **(Show pictures of the Sunday School.)**

What do you notice about the Sunday School? **(Let children respond with observations about the pictures.)** All the children meet in one room. They do not separate them by age. All the children enjoy being together and learning about Jesus.

The offerings that we are collecting for Bible School this week are going to Mexico, so that more boys and girls can learn about the love of Jesus. Altogether, we hope to raise \$10,000 to cover the dining hall at El Retiro with a new roof, and to fix up the outside of the building.

Let's pray for Rev. Elias and Myrna and their family as they lead all the other pastors in the EC Churches of Mexico.





Rev. Elias Martinez Osorio

- ❖ 10 Churches
- ❖ 1 Church plant
- ❖ 200+ Members
- ❖ 350+ AM Att.
- ❖ 57 Conversions
- ❖ 23 Baptisms

**EL RETIRO:**

- 32 children
- 3 new Board Members
- Strategic Planning





Rev. Elias & Myrna Martinez and their two girls, Zuri Sadai and Asenet

