

## MEXICO MAY 2005



May marked the end of the second complete school year for the Escuela La Nueva Esperanza Para Ninos Down (New Hope School for Children with Down syndrome) in Monclova, Mexico! We celebrated the children's accomplishments with a banquet in their honor. Over 100 people attended the banquet including the mayor of Monclova and a representative from the governor's office. The reputation of our small school is really growing as

people see how much progress the children can make when given the opportunity!

Doug and Jeannie Cummings and their family from Orlando, Florida came with me on this trip. They were a tremendous inspiration and encouragement to the families and all of those associated with the school.



Thanks to the Red River Church in Austin, Texas, every child in the school received a new pair of shoes! Many of the mothers broke down in tears as they were told that their child would be getting new shoes.

In addition to the shoes, clothing, school supplies, toothbrushes, and developmental games and toys were provided. We were also able to install another computer and some much needed ceiling fans in the building. This summer work will continue on the school facility as more classrooms will be needed for next year and electrical work will be done in hopes of being able to install air conditioning in the school in the near future. I will be returning to Mexico at the end of August for the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year.



*Thank you on behalf of all of the children and families at the school for all of your prayers and support.*