

TRANSFORMATIONS MEXICO 2009 REPORT

AN IMPORTANT MODEL TRANSFORMATION FOR THE NATIONS

*"I have posted watchmen on your walls," O Mexico; "they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the LORD, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes" Mexico "and makes her the praise of the earth."
(NIV Is. 62:6-7)*

**Mexico City: Report By Luis Bush and Sixto Porras
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From 26 to February 28 *TRANSFORMATIONS MEXICO 2009* took place in the City of Mexico. It was effectively facilitated by Rosa Maria and Alejandro Orozco. All participants shared the same conviction. Christians will not rest until Mexico becomes "the praise of the earth" and the entire world recognizes God at work among His people brought about by means of the transformation of this beautiful country.

For all those who present one thing became increasingly clear as the meetings went on. This is an historical time in Mexico because the government is encouraging the church to become involved in helping to solve society's problems. Christians together make a difference was the conviction expressed in many ways by the participants who responded enthusiastically to each presentation, Most of all, the show of love and support could be heard after a government police spoke about his service to the nation.

God-fearing candidates for various governmental positions in the upcoming elections were a significant part of the gathering. Many of the secretaries and deputy secretaries of state were present and spoke about government projects in which the body of Christ is playing an active role as God's agent of transformation in Mexico. After each speaker from among the secretaries spoke prayers were made throughout the auditorium for them.

The task of transforming Mexico was presented by Margarita Calderon, First Lady of the country who was received with deep appreciation from the participants. She spoke of what is transformation, why does Mexico need to be transformed and how should we go about the process of transformation together.

Transformations Mexico is more than a slogan. It's more than words. It is a biblically based body of Christ action initiative. No less than 27 projects major projects were ideated and are in process of implementation through *Transformations Mexico* just in the last three years supporting the vision of President Calderon of Mexico Seguro (safe), a Mexico Prospero (prosperous), a Mexico Justo (just), a Mexico Limpio (Clean) and a democratic Mexico. The collaboration between the church in the government initiatives is based on the conviction that the national development Plan of President Calderon represents the dreams of God in Mexico and that the Bible urges everyone to be subject to the higher authorities that have been established by God (Romans 13:1).

We identified two outstanding issues, drug trafficking and the economic crisis. Although there are problems in Mexico, at the closing session, Jerry Anderson said that as American, he recognized that the root of the problem of drug trafficking and money was in the United States and apologized to everyone, Jerry serves as the international director of La Red Business Network International. He is an American businessman who has invested the past fifteen years in Mexico working with an initiative of principles and values with prepared

materials discussed and applied person by person in round tables of eight people meeting over the course of a year. Over 400,000 people from the Military, Air Force, the Navy and National Guard and many others have gone through the program. Sixto Porras, Director of *Focus on the Family* in Ibero America, encouraged the participants with the theme "I am the right person at the right place and with the right attitude."

Conclusion:

We want Mexico to be the praise of the earth to give glory to our God as the body of Christ serves together as God's agent of transformation in the nation. We learned many lessons as outside participants, among two stood out:

1. The importance of the body of Christ to serve as God's agent of transformation.
2. The enormous potential to bring positive change to a nation when there can be collaborative nature of the initiative with the authorities in a nation when the authorities are God-fearing.
3. The importance of sowing principles and values for character and conscience formation among God's people and in the institutions of a nation.