

## # Our Missionary to Mexico: Dave & Joni Kolb



Dave and Joni Kolb have been supported by our church since October 2004. Originally with the organization Missionary Gospel Fellowship, Dave helped First Baptist Church organize a mission trip to Tecate, Mexico to build up the church body under a Pastor Silvario.

This summer, Dave changed mission organizations and is now under Partners In Christ International (PICI). PICI is involved with leadership development, specifically with Hispanic pastors along the Mexican-American border. He now provides leadership training to national pastors, essentially "training the trainers." As he does this, Dave encourages each pastor to have a missions mindset and develop a ministry strategy that links Hispanic and Anglo churches on both sides of the border.

Somewhat overshadowing this new ministry direction has been Joni's health. She has battled various neurological conditions over the course of the last year. Dave writes, "The treatments that Joni has undergone in the past year or so should have amounted to close to \$30,000.00. But, the body of Christ has come through and either donated care, bought us medicines, given us their unused medicines or sent us money to cover them. I wanted to tell you about the timing of your (Missionary Offering) check. We had been to the doctors the week before and they had just emailed Joni with one additional Rx for her new treatment program. I went to pick up the extra prescription Thursday afternoon and it was \$395.00. I had deposited your check of \$400.00 that morning."