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First Church's Mission to Mexico

Eight people made the trip. They are **Herb Bryan, Bryant Holmes, Don Fischer, David Barkman, Paul Regensburger, Diane Regensburger, Julie Bass, and Jay Mackie**. Bass and Mackie are from Raleigh United Methodist Church. The First Church group built cinder-block homes in Reynosa for these families:



One house was being built for the family of Manuel and Yadira, which includes Yamileth, 11, and Manuel, one year old. The father makes around \$80 a week working in an office that brings items across the border.



One house was built for the family of Jose Alberto and Ana Luisa, which includes 3-year-old Aldo and Naomy, 3 months. They do not attend any church. He makes \$60 a week as a welder.

Note: These photographs are presented without captions and pretty much in the order in which they were taken. From the photos you will see the walls go up on the houses First Presbyterian Church and Raleigh United Methodist Church built in Reynosa. Keep in mind that several houses were built and that later photographs may represent another construction project.



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According to First Church's mission leader, Herb Bryan:

"We built the two houses First Presbyterian Church paid for as well as the one Raleigh United Methodist paid for. In addition, we poured a roof, dug a foundation, poured columns and a floor for Grace Church out of Raleigh. Because of the recent violence, we ended up staying in McAllen, Texas, and driving back and forth each day. We never saw anything to cause alarm. With all the work, we had a direct impact on six families during the week. Our church has been blessed by God's calling to this ministry and as individuals with the chance to be God's hands and feet in delivering His blessings to these families."



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