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Foot driven knife sharpener, like the one your mother used to use, comes around every so often to sharpen knives or whatever needs sharpening. The illustration gives us a picture that to stay sharp we need to apply energy and be submitted to some hard circumstances to keep us on the cutting edge.

Top right: Erick, an up and coming youth that is on the cutting edge, even though young, has a handle on his relationship with God. Here he opens the service with prayer and Bible reading.

Bottom left: Fernando, who assisted our church in Acapulco, visits Zihuatanejo, and testifies of how God miraculously healed his back, after standing on faith. His back was so bad that he could only lay on his back and only for about one hour stand on his feet. But as he testified he jumped up and down declaring Jesus as Healer.

Bottom right: Construction gets under way on Cecilia's house on a property that she got for barely nothing. Some of the men from our church got together and the community was amazed as they saw the way the church helped out. She is reaping a tremendous harvest because of her constant and generous giving, even though she is a widow with three children.





A strong Mexican tradition is that when a girl turns 15 she becomes a woman and has a celebration in grand fashion similar to that of a wedding. On the 20th of April the church was jammed packed with many people who got to witness first hand a Christian celebration of this kind for Lysandra's 15th birthday.

Above left: her 3 brothers, Caleb, Josiah and Samuel are chambelanes which means that they were chosen to be in a special choreographed waltz.

Off to the upper right is a cake unlike any we have ever seen. All the cakes are hanging from an umbrella and the house lights up. The base is all cake as well. Three different families went in together for this masterpiece.

Below left: Mom and Dad give a gift of a purity ring. This was accompanied with a vow of purity.

Below right: The waltz ends with Lysandra on Josiah's knee. Eleven people were involved in the dance including all her brothers and sisters.

Every detail from the crown on her head to the decorations in the church were all given by various people from the church, friends and the family, which is the traditional way of being able to have these elaborate celebrations. Then, when their daughters turn 15 and have this type of celebration, they ask you to help. Everybody's glad to share the burden.





Suzanne's mom came down for the occasion along with close friend of the family, Bevon Riley. Off to the right, new convert Arturo with two of his kids enjoy the celebration as well as have much to celebrate.

Below left: Sammy and Ruth, (in background) take some horses for a stroll along the beach.

Bottom right: Danely prays for Don Chucho, a man who had died earlier that day and was revived. When she was praying he was in the hospital. After she prayed a tremendous prayer for him to be raised up, he was released the next day and was singing as they wheeled him out of the hospital. It had been a long time since he had sat upright and even eaten food. Now he does both and looks forward to walking again. Don Chucho's whole family including his 17 grown children and their children are seeing the glory of God.



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Below left and right: Samuel, 9 shares the Word on national holiday, “Kids Day”, April 30th. All on his own initiative and preparation he preached on Job and David how they stood firm when tested. He did a great job for 10 minutes. Then dad took the mike and expounded on a few points that Samuel had made. David 11, participated next giving the altar call and he called Sammy back up to help pray over the people. In the photo Samuel and David are working the altar as people receive ministry. One man was in tears the whole service. The children showed an understanding that the same Spirit that operates in the Pastors and leaders is the same one that lives in them, and that He is able to minister through them as well.

