



2018 Graduates from Ensenada, Mexico

Pictured on the right are seven students who graduated from the *Bible Institute of Baja California* in Ensenada, Mexico on Friday, June 1, 2018. The graduates are **Jorge Luis and Violeta Soto, Braulio and Victoria Herrera, Gerardo and Marta Esquivel, and Panfilo Cristobal**. What a blessing for husbands and wives to be able to study God's word together in preparation to serve him together. After graduation these students will be going to work in four different cities in Mexico, in an internship program working side by side with seasoned ministers of the gospel. The internship will last about two years and then they will begin to serve the Lord on their own in areas of Mexico where the gospel is so desperately needed.



In the back row are three instructors, **Luis Melendez, Rudy Wray** and **Arthur Puente**, and on the far right the director, **Liberato Ovalle** and his wife **Elodia**. **Elodia** plays an important role in assisting the wives of these student preachers as she dedicates her time to helping them understand the particular challenges and blessings of being a preacher's wife, as well as how to prepare and present the gospel through teaching women's classes and children's classes.



Pictured on the left is Daniel Martinez, a 2011 graduate of the school in Mexicali, directing the singing at the 2018 graduation in Ensenada.



2018 Graduates from Mexicali, Mexico

Pictured above are five students from Mexicali, Mexico who graduated on Saturday, June 10, 2018. Three of the men, **Esau Verdugo**, **Victor Perez** and **Jesus Tafoya**, graduated from the two year program, and two others, **Manuel Lopez** and **Trinidad Verdugo** graduated from the special studies program. **Esau Verdugo** and his wife **Trinidad** and their family will return to work in their home congregation in Culiacan, Mexico for two years and then hope to establish a new congregation in that city. **Victor Perez** is looking at the possibility of working in Ojos Negros, a village half-way between Mexicali and Ensenada. **Jesus Tafoya** will be working in Ciudad Morelos with 2011 graduate David Serabia.



Pictured above is **Manuel Avendaño** with his wife, **Nanette** who live in Yuma, Arizona. **Manuel** studied over the internet in our special studies program and is holding his certificate of completion. **Manuel** is a leader in the English/Spanish congregation in Yuma and a dedicated student of God's Word.



On the left, pictured with her husband **Esau Verdugo**, is **Trinidad Verdugo** who also received a certificate of completion from the Special Studies program. **Trinidad** is truly a sweet and dedicated wife, mother and servant of God, whose gentle spirit will be a blessing as she and Esau minister to the people of Culiacan, Mexico.