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## Church Profile: Alfredo Figueroa and Tapayula

The congregation of Tapayula, in the State of Puebla, is a Totonac speaking congregation and began eight years ago as a mission. Nevertheless, before that there were two families that had accepted Christ by means of the radio program sponsored by Latin American Indian Ministries in Houston, TX. However, no one visited them and when they found out about us they found us and asked us to visit them and witness in their town. That is how the



congregation we have now was formed.

Now there are about seventy adults plus many children in the congregation of Tapayula. They meet in a private house, where they fill the house. They want to buy a piece of property to build a church. But they don't have the financial means because all of the people there cultivate the fields and what

they earn barely covers their daily needs. This year they were counting on a good crop of coffee, but snow came and ruined the entire crop. The earnings from the coffee were being counted on to purchase seed for corn, beans, and chiles, as well as pay for other necessities. In spite of this, the people are heartened because of their faith in the Lord's provision.

The worker that visits them is named Alfredo Figueroa, and comes from a poor but Christian family. He is a 30 year old single man that lives with his parents. His training is being provided by the workers of the mother church in Nanacatlan. He has been visiting and ministering in Tapayula for 4 years and has tremendous enthusiasm for this work. the week he spends ministering spiritually and the week he works in an agricultural ministry with them, raising corn for the expenses of the church. He greatly enjoys visiting house to house to evangelize the people, and encourages the church members to go out evangelizing with him.



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Latin American Indian Ministries supports Felipe Ramos and his evangelism/ church planting ministry. This ministry includes a weekly Totonac Radio Hour program transmitted from Poza Rica in the state of Veracruz, Mexico. The broadcast is instrumental in organizing congregations in remote areas of the Totonac High Sierra mountains. LAIM asks monthly support of \$300 per month



to help support Alfredo (\$150) and also provide for evangelism materials and needs in the congregation. The adopting church, if able, is encouraged to help with half the cost of building projects. As the Totonac congregation grows and takes on more and more of the monthly financial obligation the financial support should be phased out over a two to three year period.

For more information on the church in Tapayula and the ministry of Felipe Ramos among the Totonac Indian tribe of central Mexico please contact Peter Petry (Totonac Ministry Coordinator, 713/253-9905). E-mail to [peter@laim.org](mailto:peter@laim.org). For more information about the ministry among the Totonacs and other projects in Latin America please visit [www.laim.org](http://www.laim.org). Be sure to subscribe on the web-site for our monthly newsletter.

**And thank you for consideration of supporting this ministry.**

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