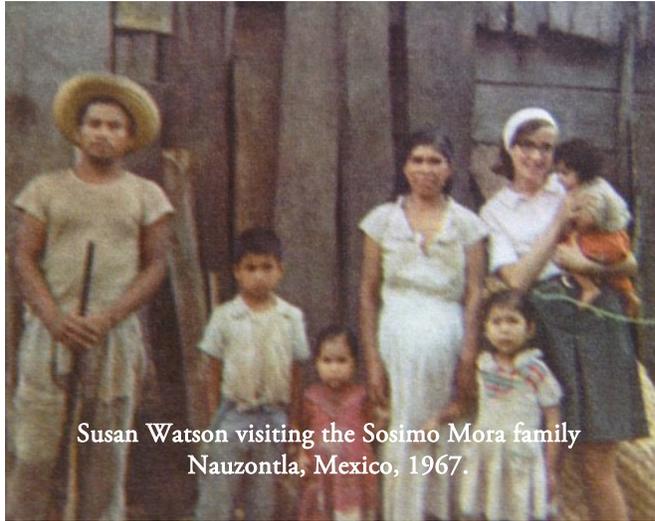




Lights OF THE World



Susan Watson visiting the Sosimo Mora family
Nauzontla, Mexico, 1967.

were Mexican farm laborers in Salinas Valley, CA. In 2002, I googled Nauzontla and one of the sites I found was Catholic World Mission. I read with interest about their sponsorship of the "ETC" (Evangelizadores del Tiempo Completo) program in Nauzontla and surrounding areas. Here was a way I could help my beloved people of Nauzontla! I started making monthly donations.

In 2003, I got to go back to Nauzontla! It was great to see all the modern changes that had come to them! But the greatest pleasure was meeting a group of Evangelizadores in a nearby town. They told us about their ministries and their desire to preserve the area's culture. I was struck by how wonderful it is that these men bring our Catholic faith not only to the Spanish-speaking population but to the area's indigenous as well!

Years ago when, as a student, I said "These people deserve so much more," perhaps the spiritual enrichment they receive from the ETCs is a fulfillment of that wish!

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Susan Watson

A long career in nursing inspires love for rural Mexico.

50 years ago, Susan Watson spent two summers in Puebla, Mexico as part of the Conference of Inter-American Student Projects while she was a student at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

She tells us more about that experience and how it has impacted her life and career as a nurse practitioner, decades later.

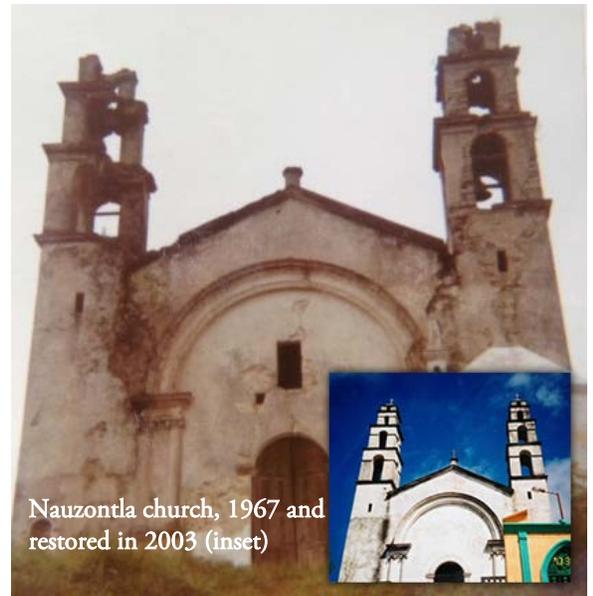
My love for the Mexican people and the Spanish language started in the late 1960s. When I was part of the Conference of Inter-American Student Projects, the "pueblito" ("little town") assigned to my team was Nauzontla. It was an hour's walk from the highway. They didn't have electricity or other modern amenities. To me, Nauzontla must've been like the towns Jesus walked through in the Holy Land: poor but filled with people of strong faith.

One night I sat on the back steps of Nauzontla's centuries-old church, moved to tears. I remember telling my friend, "These people deserve so much more."

At the end of that summer, I returned to the US. I graduated and started my nursing career. I always hoped I'd get to come back and see my Nauzontla friends.

For 35 years, I worked as a nurse practitioner. Many of my patients

To learn more about the Evangelizadores de Tiempo Completo, visit www.CatholicWorldMission.org/projects/evangelizadores-de-tiempo-completo.



Nauzontla church, 1967 and restored in 2003 (inset)

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven." - Matthew 5:16