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The registered agent must have a Florida street address.

We regret that we were unable to contact you by phone. Please return the corrected document with a letter providing us with an address and telephone number where you can be reached during working hours.

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You failed to make the correction(s) requested in our previous letter.

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

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SUBJECT: ESPERANAZA MISSIONS, INC.  
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Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

An effective date may be added to the Articles of Incorporation if a 2008 date is needed, otherwise the date of receipt will be the file date. A separate article must be added to the Articles of Incorporation for the effective date.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
ESPERANZA MISSIONS, INC.

Adopted December 20, 2007

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation shall be ESPERANZA MISSIONS, INC.

**ARTICLE II**

Esperanza Missions, Inc. shall be located in Madison County, Florida, and is a corporation not for profit pursuant to Florida Statute 617. The operating address of the corporation is 1470 N.E. Juniper Road, Lee, Florida 32059

**ARTICLE III**

Our purpose is to glorify God by evangelize local communities in Mexico, assist the established local churches, Christian and mission organizations which are associated with Esperanza Missions, Inc., in accordance with the Word of God, our Statement of Belief, and Code of Personal Conduct. Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**ARTICLE IV**

**SECTION 1 – CORPORATE DIRECTORS**

The Board of Corporate Directors consists of a president, vice-president, secretary and directors. The initial Corporate Directors were elected by the president of the company. The president requires that all Corporate Directors must be at least 18 years of age and consent verbally to act as a Corporate Director. The Corporate Directors are listed in Article V of this document. Future Corporate Directors will be appointed by the unanimous decision of the current Corporate Directors.

**SECTION 2 – BUSINESS MEETINGS**

Annual business meetings will be held with the purpose of reviewing the contracts, objectives, and financial status of Esperanza Missions, Inc. Meetings will be held in the last quarter of each year. Special business meetings may be convened at any time by a unanimous decision of the Corporate Directors.

**SECTION 3 – CONTRACTS**

The Corporate Board of Directors by unanimous decision may enter into contracts for Esperanza Missions, Inc., with independent and corporate parties. Any one of the Corporate Directors may be a signatory on a contract, subject to the approval of the registered agent and terms of existing contracts.

#### **SECTION 4 – FINANCES**

The fiscal year of Esperanza Missions,, Inc., begins October 1 and ends September 30. Financial records will be maintained according to standard bookkeeping practices. Financial records will be maintained by a contracted independent party. All records are open to review by the Board of Corporate Directors. Tax deductible receipts will be issued at the time of the charitable donation.

#### **SECTION 5 – DISSOLUTION**

In the case of the dissolution of Esperanza Missions, Inc., assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### **SECTION 6 – STATEMENT OF BELIEF**

1. The Bible, both Old and New Testament, is the inspired Word of God and is infallible and inerrant in the original autographs.
2. There is one eternal God existing in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. He was born of the virgin Mary, died on the cross for the sins of mankind, was buried, and, on the third day, rose again. He is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God in heaven from whence He is coming again to receive the Church as His bride.
4. The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Holy Trinity and is the operating agent in the redemption of mankind, the superintendent of the Church, and the abiding comforter of the children of God.
5. Man was created by the direct act of God and was made in the image and likeness of God, but through transgression fell and became depraved in nature and sinful in conduct.
6. Salvation is by faith in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
7. Regeneration is the act of the Holy Spirit whereby the penitent, trusting sinner is renewed in nature, changed in conduct, and brought into the family of God.
8. Sanctification is a second work of divine grace, subsequent to regeneration, wrought in the heart of the fully yielded, trusting child of God, whereby the carnal nature is crucified and the heart is purified by faith and filled with the Holy Spirit.

9. There will be a resurrection of the dead, both of the saved and unsaved; the saved to eternal bliss in the presence of God and the unsaved to eternal separation from God.

#### **SECTION 7 – CODE OF PERSONAL CONDUCT**

Each Corporate Director and independent party under contract with Esperanza Missions, Inc. must:

1. Be a fully committed Christian (personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord). *Luke 14:26-27*
2. Be dedicated to God's will for his/her life. *Romans 12:1-2*
3. Be actively involved in ministry a local church that espouses the Articles of Faith delineated in this contract. Involvement includes:
  - A. regular worship attendance (except vacation, illness, being providentially hindered, or fulfilling the commitments of this contract).  
*Hebrews 10:25*
  - B. the practice of Biblical stewardship as found in Malachi 3:10.
4. Be a peacemaker. Helping other members of Esperanza Missions, Inc. reach mutual understanding and giving and earning respect in all circumstances is expected.
5. Be called of God to this particular place of leadership. *1 Timothy 5:17*
6. Possess a working understanding of the Bible and be ready to teach, counsel, and otherwise minister. *1 Peter 3:15*
7. Have a good testimony and be an example before others, including:
  - a. no use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs or other mind-altering substances.
  - b. use of good language.
  - c. abstinence from gossip or slander.
  - d. exemplifying family values by your personal life. This type of values system includes all types of sexual purity and excludes the use of pornographic materials and participation in pre-marital, extra-marital, or homo-sexual activity. *1 Timothy 4:12; Titus 2:7*
8. Be prompt and prepared for the duties assigned to you.
9. Agree to abide by the policies and procedures set forth by the Corporate Directors.



10. Resolve difficulties Biblically according to Matthew 18:15-17, speaking first between each other, then approaching the President. If further assistance is needed, matters will be taken to the Corporate Directors.

#### **SECTION 8 – ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended, altered, or revised at any quarterly meeting by a unanimous decision of the Corporate Directors. Changes must be submitted in writing at least two weeks before a scheduled or specially called meeting.

#### **ARTICLE V**

Corporate Directors:

John Mark Bennett, President  
1470 N.E. Juniper Road, Lee, Florida 32059

Vickee Bennett, Vice-President & Secretary  
1470 N.E. Juniper Road, Lee, Florida 32059

Wallace Bennett, Director  
323 Carlin Road, Mansfield, Texas 76063

Joe Ball, Director  
8301 Celest Road, Saraland, Alabama 36571

Jeff Couch, Director  
5930 County Road 19, Linden, Alabama 36748

Gregory C. Douglas  
1498 S.E. Preston Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34983

ARTICLE VI.

Registered Agent:

John Mark Bennett, 1470 NE Juniper Road, Lee Florida 32059

ARTICLE VII

Incorporator:

Gregory C. Douglas, 1498 S.E. Preston Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida 34983

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

  
Signature/Registered Agent

12-20-07  
Date

  
Signature/Incorporator

12-20-07.  
Date

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