Record Nr. UNINA9910782632503321 Autore Bowen Kurt Derek **Titolo** Evangelism and apostasy: the evolution and impact of evangelicals in modern Mexico / / Kurt Bowen Pubbl/distr/stampa Montreal; Buffalo: .: McGill-Queen's University Press. . 1996 ©1996 **ISBN** 1-282-85377-5 9786612853777 0-7735-6584-1 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (xi, 270 pages) Collana McGill-Queen's studies in the history of religion;; 23 306.6/804/0972 Disciplina Soggetti Evangelicalism - Mexico Protestant churches - Mexico Pentecostalism - Mexico Mexico Church history 20th century Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. [257]-265) and index. Nota di contenuto Contents Tables Acknowledgments 1 Introduction 2 Historical Background 3 Gains and Losses: The Last Twenty Years 4 Conversion and Evangelism 5 The Evangelical World-View 6 Community Life 7 The Missionaries 8 Societal Links: El Mundo 9 Conclusion Notes Bibliography Index In this sociological assessment of the Evangelical movement in Mexico, Sommario/riassunto Kurt Bowen highlights the demographic, social, and political character of the movement in the 1980s and 1990s. He pays particular attention to conversion processes, commitment mechanisms, schisms, and distinctive beliefs. Bowen also considers the controversial issues of religious persecution and American missionary influence. Bowen reveals that Evangelicalism's appeal is so pervasive in Mexico that if Evangelical converts all remained faithful it could become Mexico's dominant religion by 2006. This projection, however, is improbable due to high drop-out rates and Bowen argues that Evangelical apostasy is

rooted in the most basic beliefs and practices of its followers.