

# SYNOPSIS



## Not From This World - Mennonites

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They continue living in their villages in Mexico's north as they did 400 years ago, speaking German - a German which has travelled so far that it is almost impossible to understand. And little do these folks believe in fashionable inventions such as automobiles, electricity or radios.

The blond, blue-eyed pioneers of the Northern Mexican sierra are of German, Dutch and Swiss descent. They are Christians who challenged the Protestant Reformation for not being radical enough. Called Mennonites after their leader Simon Menno, their unworldly views found no acceptance in the 16th century and forced them to flee their countries via Prussia, Russia and Canada, finally ending up in Mexico. Far from Mexican cities, where preachers and village elders make their own laws, they live remote from the world of today following their own strict rules.

**Year:** 2001

**Run-Time:** 1 x 28 min.

**Directed by** Renate Heilig

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**Languages:** German (ORIGINAL)

**Format:** 16:9 , 16:9

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