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May 2017 – More Laborers

One thing we often forget when it comes to recruiting more laborers is that God has provided the method we are to use in order to get them. Second Timothy 2:2 tells us, “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” Yet the problem is, where do we find these faithful men in whom we can invest, especially on a foreign field where most everyone is unregenerate? You obviously would not put up a sign, “Help Needed for Door-to-door Evangelism.” Until you find the faithful men, you cannot teach them, so the first step is not to teach but to pray. Matthew 9:37-38: “Then saith he unto his disciples, the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.” Please take the time to pray that your missionaries may find men and women like Aquila and Priscilla to disciple and to pass on the bouton of the Word.

Recently, God has sent us a helper in an unexpected way. Little did we know that before we even were placed where God wanted us, He had saved a man in a prison in the US that was from this very town. By chance (yeah right), he happens to be part of Maria De La Cruz’s family – the family we have worked with the most. He has been recently released and returned here to San Miguel. His name is Alfredo (see pic below). After Christ changed his heart, He put a heavy burden for his family and his home town upon him. What a blessing! Now he has been sharing with them the truth of the word and, though he has encountered resistance, he still continues to fight the good fight. Alfredo and I have had several long conversations that I believe have been a blessing to both of us. It is nice to have someone who is spiritually on the same page.

This Resurrection Week, the Catholic Church sent large groups of teens and young adults from Guadalajara to many nearby towns and cities. They were handing out a book that had the four gospels and inviting people to a crucifixion reenactment. I ran into them several times on the roads. On one particular occasion, I got to share the Gospel with five of them. I was able to share with them the highest importance of having a relationship with God. Several of them that started out very adamant eventually listened quietly. The sad thing is that I cannot follow up on them because they are from out of town, but the seed of the Word was cast out, and I hope to someday meet them again.

In one of the corners of town, I found a place where a group of young people hangout. These guys and girls are struggling with drug addiction but, as is often the case, they have been better listeners. Jorge, one of the guys who presently does not use drugs but has in the past, often gathers his friends together to listen as soon as I show up. I have the sneaking feeling that some of these will go into the kingdom of God before the “religious” (Matthew 21:31b).

Ortiz Family

PRAISES:

Meeting Alfredo

More doors keep opening

Our family being able to visit us

PRAYER

REQUESTS:

Timing for opening a service

Hannah’s permanent residence paperwork

Trip to my sister’s wedding

Growth: Alfredo, María del Carmen, Maricela
 Salvation: María, Héctor, José, Gladys, Jorge, Sabino & Margarita, Gilberto, Lucino & Cuca, Arturo, Daniel, Arnulfo & Lupita, Eliu, Juan Pablo, Carlos, Miguel, etc.

Serving in San Miguel El Alto, Jalisco, Mexico

Hannah's parents and grandparents just visited us. It was great to get to see faces we know and encourage the brethren here by seeing they are not the only Christians in the world.

My family and I are driving to my sister's wedding in Idaho in just a few days and will return in two weeks. Hannah's residency papers did not come in time, so we applied for a special permission to cross the border during this process without hindering it. As soon as we get approved, we will leave (23rd or 24th). Please, do pray for safety!

We have been talking about starting a service and need wisdom on His timing. I am certain that persecution will step up a little when we do. It may still be a ways off, but pray God will indicate the best timing for this.

In the good fight,

Rolando, Hannah, and the girls

