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## Apr 2019 - Battles and victories,

We need your prayers, as it sometimes feels like our ministry is simultaneously on the edge of revival and collapse. We have had both big victories and hard trials recently. God guaranteed that "it is impossible but that offences will come," and there has been some stepping on toes between the members. These weaken the unity of our ministry. Therefore, it has been a priority for me to teach how to deal with them. We have seen several people who have reconciled with others they had grudges against for years, praise the Lord! But we also have situations that are still unresolved. Please pray for our unity to reinforce through the battles and for Hannah and me to have wisdom and strength as we guide them toward Biblical reconciliation and obedience.

Perhaps my favorite thing to thank God for is the salvation of another soul. Christ's death has not lost power to save! It was powerful enough to save all before the time of Jesus who had faith in God; it was enough for all who during the time of Jesus placed their faith in Him; it is enough for all who have lived since then; and, if Christ does not return for a thousand more years, it will not lose an ounce of power to save still! Jimmy's cousin, Hilario came from Guadalajara to work at the blueberry farm (the place I preach every Monday). Jimmy has been constantly sharing the Gospel with him since he came, and right from the start he began coming to church. Even though he had always considered himself an atheist, and though he had never held a Bible in his hand, he was really accepting of the Word. After the prayer service on February 27th, he started asking me questions. I urged him to call upon the name of the Lord, and, as he did, he literally broke out in a cold sweat. Today we are glad to have another brother in Christ! He is eager to help and hungers for all he can get.

Last prayer letter I reported a mother and her son being baptized on the same day. This time, with much joy, I get to tell you that another mother and her daughter decided to be baptized together too. Alma and her teenage daughter Paloma told me after I preached on Joshua 24:15 that they understood that they could not split loyalties with God and the world: it was time to take a new step of obedience. Therefore, after inquiring of their salvation (since I wasn't the one to lead them to Christ) and being satisfied with their profession, we scheduled their baptism and proceeded with it two weeks later.

The women's conference we hosted had about 35 women. God blessed as Hannah and another woman (Alma) from our church shared with the women on how to grow faster in the Gospel by studying on their own. We gave each woman a Bible concordance and a topical workbook that they can fill out to better understand God's character and what He desires of us. The women's feedback was very positive, and several wanted us to host conferences more often. Women have continued to contact us to get their own copies of the books and study at home as well.

Pray for Hannah as she is becoming more involved with the ladies. She would like to start a women's study in San Miguel soon and would like to do more visits and witnessing but wants to find the proper balance. Present responsibilities include ministering to our family, keeping up two houses, homeschooling Kristal and Melanie, and all the church activities. It is important to not neglect those, but God is putting more on her heart. He has already blessed her with several opportunities to share the

### PRAISES:

- Salvation of Hilario
- Two baptisms
- Advancement of the Gospel
- Amadeo's SSN came through
- Hannah's Spanish

### PRAYER

#### REQUESTS:

- More souls
- Growth in unity
- Strength for the task

#### Salvation of people God seems to be working on right now:

Carlos and Maira, Eduardo  
Lupita, Iris, Isaac,  
Fernando, Lety.

Serving in San Miguel el Alto and Arandas, Jalisco, Mexico

Gospel! (Specifically pray for the salvations of Eduardo, Lupita, Lupita, Iris, Issac, and Lety.) We would like to find balance in it all and be able to take the kids along on this journey, training them in obedience and service, without giving them cause for resentment. Thank you for your intercession!

Praise the Lord the gas problem only lasted a month and, in all that time, we never were completely out of gas. I canceled a couple of home Bible studies but did not have to cancel a single church service. Several times, I had to wake up at 6:00am to get in line at the gas station to fuel up because in an hour or two, they would use up all that was brought. In reality however, it was less of a problem than I first had thought it would be.

One family scare was that Viana, our second daughter, ran out in front of a truck. Thankfully, the driver saw her and was able to brake hard enough to only throw her a few feet. My heart skipped a few beats and my legs shook for a while afterwards, but God had kept her safe. She had a little whiplash and a bump on her head, but we still have her with us. In Mexico when people crash, they often run to avoid consequences. Sometimes, they do more damage running from the scene than they had done to start with. I'm thankful that this man stayed until he was sure all was well.

Beto, with whom I began working a year ago started coming to church recently in San Miguel and expressed he enjoyed it. However, it seems that his parents were not so excited about it and have begun giving him things to do every Sunday morning so he does not come. Pray that God will continue to work with him and his parents.

I thought I would mention something I just learned about Arandas. I had noticed people walking around ringing a bell, sometimes carrying an image and sometimes not. I wondered why they gave weird looks when you ignored them. Turns out that whenever they go by ringing the bell, people bow and say a rosary or Lord's prayer.

We are taking some of the youth to a church camp for Easter week. Please pray for His lasting work in their hearts.

God bless you all abundantly,

Rolando and family



Baptizing Alma and Paloma



Books, we gave away



Women's Conference