



### *October 2019 – Sowing and reaping*

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Hello, brothers and sisters in Christ! It is a blessing to be able to report all that is going on and all that we are up against and know we have people praying through it with us.

The last two months, our calendar was full. There were not but two days that had only normal events happening. We had baby showers and births, summer VBS, a missions emphasis month with four missionaries scheduled, a special baptism service in which we had five baptized in a nearby river, fixing up the church building, women's cell groups once or twice a week (Arandas and San Miguel), a Mexican patriotic service (something churches in Mexico rarely do), preaching in rehab centers, preaching on the streets, the visit of my parents-in-law, and the beginning of fall semester Bible studies – all this on top of the regular activities. \*Phew\* I got tired again just writing that! Now let me break this down a little to mention some specifics.

The Summer VBS was our first VBS since we got here, so we were testing out how well things would go. We had around 20 kids during the event, and we made some contacts with their parents for follow up. I was thankful for Paulette's help taking care of all the lessons, making it a lot easier on me (picture included).

The baptisms were of some who recently received Christ and some who had professed Christ a while back but had been reluctant about that step of obedience. We had the baptisms in a public park an hour from our church (picture included).

This September we had scheduled as a month of missions. It was my hope and prayer that the churches would get a bigger heart for missions and a bigger heart for souls in their own towns. I feel I was one of the most effected as God worked on my heart too. We will soon do faith promise, and I hope that both church plants will at least take on one of the four missionaries. It is my belief that this is something they need to learn early on.

As a follow up to all the missionaries, I have started an evangelism class. So far, we had 13 people sign up for it. I told them that if they heard about missions and were moved by it but did not get involved in it themselves then we had an emotional experience but nothing else. I told them if they became master theologians but did not get involved in missions they had their priorities wrong. On finishing the class, I intend to schedule designated days for church-wide evangelism. Pray God will keep our hearts on fire for lost souls! It is neat to see that we barely got started and several are already making an attempt to put it in practice, some of which have only been saved a few months.

Hannah and I decided it was time to take one week off just for the family. So for the first time since we have been married, we took five days off, just after our 6th wedding anniversary in August. It didn't go quite how we expected: we had two flats right before going and ran in to several obstacles during the trip, but we felt rested and ready to go back into the heat of the battle.

Next week there is a large mission conference for independent Baptist pastors as well as a statewide women's reunion we are going to be taking our church women to. I figured it would be good to do something for the men as well, so on October 19<sup>th</sup> the men are going to the top of the tallest mountain in our region to have a devotional and some time away.

#### **PRAISES:**

- 5 Baptized
- VBS
- Missionaries
- Arturo decision to come clean

#### **PRAYER**

#### **REQUESTS:**

- Two members under discipline
- Women from Purísima
- Maria Elena's family rejection
- Evangelism class
- Evangelism outreach

Looks like the Arandas church is going to have its first wedding in the near future, as two of the congregation have officially been engaged. Pray for me, as I will be giving them premarital counselling. There are also two other couples who need to get married soon.

Please, pray for a 77-year-old woman named Maria Elena. She is the one who I mentioned getting saved in the last prayer letter. She has been coming faithfully to church and even brought her grandson. She is a widow and lives with her only son. Turns out that he was not pleased that she became a Christian. This last week he told her she has to stop going to church with us or he is not going to allow her to stay in his house. We have already told her she is welcome with us, but I am praying God will work on her son's heart and he will come to know Christ as His Lord and Savior as well. Right now, she is waiting to see if her son is really serious. She has been resolute in her decision to follow Christ thus far!

Pray for Arturo, a man who grew up as a Jehovah's witness but ended up an alcoholic. We found him half passed out at our church door one day. He is now in a Christian center for addicts, and we pray God will work on him through a relationship with Him. We also have another Jehovah's witness coming whose life has crumbled around her. Pray for both their salvations!

We would also appreciate prayer for God's clear guidance in housing. He seems to be nudging us both in a specific direction, but we need His wisdom and provision to make the right decision.

Much more could be mentioned, but I will stop here.

Than you all for all your prayers,

Rolando, Hannah, Azelia, Viana, and Amadeo

