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Ortiz Family

2020 – Many Babies

My prayer is that this letter finds you well even in this time of trouble. God has never failed us yet, and we are confident that He will be with us in the future.

Perhaps the news some have been waiting for most is the birth of our fourth child. We are happy to announce that she was born on the 24th of August. Her name is Selicia Leseli. All went well, and she is healthy and active. What has turned out to be more complicated was getting her registered. We had to go into Guadalajara twice in order to get the paperwork for her Mexican birth certificate done right... well, mostly right. This was a little tedious because it always takes all day to get around the city. Needless to say, we lost two days. However, it worked out so I could see my brother-in-law's family and my parents while there.

The next step is to get her registered as an American citizen. The complication there is that most of the American consulates are closed due to Covid-19. Guadalajara is one of the ones that doesn't have any date for reopening, so we are going to have to find one open in another state. The closest one open is over five hours away.

We are not the only ones in the church that had a baby; there were three others who had baby girls about the same time. We are going to have a baby dedication in a few weeks for probably at least three of them - a record amount we will not beat for a long time.

Speaking of babies, it is a particular challenge to deal with so many newborn believers. And so we need your prayers for those reborn in the last few years as they continue to learn how to crawl, then walk, then run. Many falls occur in those first years, and that is why they need your special prayers.

In San Miguel, we have just begun working with a lady named Rocío. She is going through a very hard time as her husband just walked out on her and their five kids. Depression has come over her, and understandably so. Pray she will find hope in the Gospel and that her husband will repent as well.

In addition, Hannah has begun a Bible study with a lady who goes by the nickname Kika. She lives right down the road from us, and she came looking for help because her family is falling apart (you can often hear a lot of cussing and yelling coming from her house). Pray she would put her faith in Christ.

As far as Covid-19 is concerned, we have still not had many cases in Arandas or San Miguel. However, one family in the church did come down with a strong sickness, and they tested positive for Covid. This was over a month ago, and praise the Lord they are back on their feet and Covid-free. They have not come to church since the whole thing started, so no one else in the church got sick.

September is party month in San Miguel. The religious parades and the fair have been cancelled, but we have seen multiple celebrations ignoring the rules anyway. Pray for the church people as some of them are coming out of drinking and the party lifestyle and these weeks will be some of the hardest for them.

PRAISES:

- New Ortiz baby
- Babies Mexican paperwork
- New opportunities
- Miguel Angel got the job he was looking for
- Upcoming baptism
- Upcoming dedications

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Nena and her family (backslidden)
- Kika and her family
- Rocío and her family
- Babies U.S. papers

Joyfully serving God in Arandas & San Miguel el Alto, Jalisco, Mexico

One thing I am trying to get started is a Christian video night on Fridays. This gets some of the people away from temptation and is a good time of fellowship. I might also take advantage of Sundays' sermon recordings and watch those on Friday nights once we go through the few Christian videos I own.

I don't remember if I have already mentioned a 15-year-old named Carlos Coronado. Due to family problems, he ended up in a Christian orphanage for two months; it was there he heard the Gospel. He is now back living with his father in Arandas, and a brother in Christ found him and invited him to church. He came for a few weeks before he was prohibited by his father. We have been praying for a chance to reach out to his father, and God gave us one. We used our church food bank ministry as an excuse to drop in on them. His dad has not given him permission to come to church, but he did give us permission to have a in-house Bible study with his son. Pray that things will improve and that his dad and (separated) mother will be saved.

With much gratitude,

Missionary Rolando Ortiz and family



2020 MK Ortiz model 4 (Selicia Leseli)