

# Ortiz Family



Serving God in  
Arandas  
&  
San Miguel el Alto,  
Jalisco,  
México

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AND MORE

God has blessed us greatly, and we likewise pray for many blessings to all of you in this last quarter of the year!

In August Hannah and I made it to a milestone as we celebrated our 10th anniversary. I cannot express how grateful I am for such a great wife! Humanly speaking, I would not have survived all of the ministry challenges without her. God is working in us, so I can honestly say things get better every year! With that said, I decided to preach an entire sermon series on “marriage in the image of Christ.” After all, that as a goal has made the difference for us. I have already preached 14 different sermons on the subject, and I still have four more in mind. The topic has been humbling and helpful to me personally, but it has also sparked conversations with other couples. We humans are practiced at giving a good appearance when in reality we are desperate for help. When we look for help, we often are only looking for an easy cure or an escape from problems. God, however, comes with omnipotent grace and uses our problems to make our marriage reflect the Gospel. It takes a lot of hard work, but it is worth it. Several marriages have asked for counseling. Two seem to be really excited that they are getting somewhere while one is lagging behind, and another has expressed they want counseling but has not taken the initiative to begin. Please pray there would be a breakthrough in each case.

One other goal we had for the summer was to pay a visit to every family in the church and a lot of those that are currently not congregating. It was to get to know them better and be able to pray for them better. We were able to visit 33 homes thus far, and this encouraged some to start coming back to church.

I ask a special prayer request for Magdaleno. After preaching in the blueberry farm one Tuesday night, he wanted to talk to me. I thought he would for sure get saved that night, but for some reason, half way through the conversation, he began to resist. Pray that whatever is the cause he would not continue to resist to the peril of his soul.

One bitter-sweet peace of news is that Jimmy moved back to Guadalajara. The bitter part is that I’m losing a brother who has been a big help and always has had a great personality. On the other hand, I was able to write a recommendation letter for him so he can continue serving God in the next

### PRAISES:

- Horacio’s issue
- God’s protection
- Increases in support
- Donations for building

### PETITIONS:

- Jacinto’s family’s salvation
- Magdaleno’s salvation
- Noe’s family
- Hannah’s last trimester
- Baby’s paperwork
- Marriage counseling

chapter of his life. He arrived in Arandas around the time we did as a freshly-rehabilitated, cussing ex-drug-addict and left as a lay preacher, soul-winner, and servant of God. That is the sweet part.

Through your prayers and the usage of biblical conflict resolution and reconciliation principles, we were able to cool down the heated situation between Horacio and his coworker. Horacio asked forgiveness and made restitution for the damage he had caused. Praise the Lord, not only did Horacio not lose his job but the Sunday after the week of “death threats,” both he and Jacinto came to church together. Pray that God will use this so that Jacinto and his family will get saved. They continue to congregate with us.

Nothing has come of the threats made to me and my family, and I am even more convinced it was all a big farce. Still, I thank you for your prayers.

I also wanted to take the time to express how grateful we are to so many of our supporting churches. Some have increased our support and thus offset the low exchange rate. Several have donated to the church building project and have made it possible to continue working for almost an entire year now. We are moving forward due to all of your generosity. I pray God would give you treasures both here and in the future! All of this is fruit that may abound to your account (Php.4:17). It has also been exciting to see people here volunteer time or donate of their income.

In the next month and a half, we are going have four Mexican missionaries come through and present their work. Pray that hearts will be moved to joining in the world-wide vision.

Pray for our baby’s birth towards the end of November or beginning of December.

With all that is going on in Israel, I wonder if this could be my last prayer letter. If so, we will ALL give a report on our work soon! ¡We will be in the most incredible wedding ever!

May God find us faithful until then,

Rolando, Hannah, and family

Tousday night service in Capulín (Blueberry farm)



Sunday Morning service in San Miguel el Alto



Sunday evening service en Arandas