



Greetings from Guadalajara,

We praise the Lord for all the mercy He has given to His Church around the world during these trying times. Many churches here in Mexico have been slowly coming back into their standard church schedules. In some southern states however, some churches still remain closed. We ask you to continue praying for the full reopening of churches here and around the world.

Our church was blessed to have the opportunity to participate in a youth rally together with 5 other local churches. Seventy young people were in attendance, making it the largest youth meeting in several years in this area. It was a great blessing to see such strong zeal for Christ in them. One of the participating churches in the event (Living Waters Baptist Church) had not enjoyed fellowship with any other churches in the past 18 years. Their pastor as well as the youth of that church were greatly edified. Fellowship amongst brethren is necessary (I Cor.1:9; I Jn. 1:3, 7).

This past 12th of June the Bible College (David Independent Baptist Institute) gave out certificates for the school year. We had 19 students in attendance and gave out 25 certificates in total (6 students didn't show up). Next year if the Lord wills it, there will be 6 graduates. Our prayer is that they will all continue their studies growing in Grace and in the Knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ so that they may go and teach others also.

The New Church Building in the town of Tala is coming along. We are slowly finishing the walls to be at full height in order to start on the roof. We thank Peace River Baptist Church in Punta Gorda, FL for their love offering which allows us to complete the roof when time comes to build it in the next few months. Because the walls were not at full height, the church was broken into 3 weeks ago. Some of the building materials were stolen as well as several chairs. The next day, Pastor Moises Contreras decided to put his Pit-Bull dog inside the church property as a security system, that night, the thieves came back to finish the job, they wiped the place clean and even stole the dog. The church members are now sitting on buckets and boards but are happy beyond belief, knowing that everything is in Gods sovereign hands.

In my last prayer letter, I asked for prayer for Sister Diana Ortega, who had been battling pancreatitis in the hospital for the past 3 months. The Lord has done His will and has answered prayer, Diana has been released from the hospital and has even felt well enough to come to church in the Last couple of weeks. Our church has rejoiced by having her and her husband Omar back with us. Their testimony through this time has been outstanding, always praising the Lord for His mercies and His strength. We thank the Lord for their lives.

Our family has been doing well, Mom is happy teaching Sunday school with the little children, always happy, always serving. Itzen stays busy being a wife, a mother, and serving the Lord giving classes to the ladies every Friday, the girls are doing good with school, they are looking forward to finishing up their school year next week. We thank you for praying for our family and this the Lord's ministry.

Our prayer is that the Lord will continue to bless you and your church family, and that the Lord burdens all of our hearts to give the Gospel daily to those who have not yet come to the saving knowledge of Christ.

In His service,
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