

Greetings from Guadalajara,

Every time the Spring season arrives, I am reminded of my father. He used to write his spring prayer letter with the opening statement, "strawberry season has arrived in Mexico", then he would feed the Bible College students strawberries for breakfast, lunch and dinner for the next 2 months; everybody would be sick of them, just looking at a strawberry would make everybody turn green! I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful season... and strawberries.

Grace Baptist Church in Guadalajara- The last couple of months have been a blessing for our family and church. We saw 6 people get baptized last month including our youngest daughter, Jada. It was a joy as parents to witness our daughter follow in obedience to our Saviors ordinance.



As a church, we are happy and excited to see another upcoming missionary come out of our church. Brother Victor Moreno was called to be a missionary about 2 years ago after graduating from Bible College. On June 8th, the church will be holding his ordination and commissioning service to minister to the people of the town of Jocotepec. Brother Victor is planning to do deputation within Mexico starting in September. We ask for your prayers for brother Victor, deputation is not an easy task, and the difficulties and safety problems increase greatly by doing deputation in this country.

New Life Baptist Church in Tala- The new church building is now finished! Details in one bathroom, the handicap ramp and sidewalk are the only things pending. It has taken 4 years to get to this point of the build. We are in awe, having seen Gods hand throughout this time, God has certainly given us mercy and Divine Providence. The congregation is growing slowly, having now about 60 people in regular attendance.

We ask for your prayers for pastor Moses Contreras who is the pastor and our missionary to this church. After several years of living in his own house, he has been forced to sell and is now in search for a new home for his family. I cannot disclose additional information on this matter, just understand that this is a sensitive situation, please be in prayer.

Calvary Baptist Church Plant in Buenavista- The work in this ministry has been the responsibility of our missionary brother Armando Ortega and his wife sister Rebecca. They have been faithful to the Lord's service in this town during the last four years. The average attendance in service is twenty people, although it is a small congregation, they show great zeal and desire for God.

Currently, the congregation holds services in a local mechanics garage that we rent for Sundays and Wednesdays. The congregation has been saving up in order to purchase their own property. So far, they have set apart \$2,500 USD for this purpose. A small property in that area (23 ft x 65 ft) will cost an average of \$18,000 USD, we ask for your prayers for Gods provision of the property.

Bible College- The last Saturday of May will be our graduation ceremony, six will be graduating. One of these graduates, brother Ernesto Gomez has been ministering in a new church plant in the town of San Agustin, it is always a joy to our hearts seeing our Lord use men and women for His service and Glory.

For the time being, we have decided to make a pause from the remodeling process of the Bible College Building. We have been overwhelmed with non-stop construction for the past 4 years. We hope to resume in July or August, we are still far from finishing this project. Please keep it in prayer!

Family- In February, our family had the privilege to travel to Lafayette, IN to attend a missions' conference at Lighthouse Baptist Church. Although we were only there one week, it was highly encouraging for all of us.

God gave us the opportunity to reconnect with this amazing church and their Pastor, Bill Murdock. We are grateful to the Lord for their lives and ministry

As you know, we rarely have the opportunity to leave Mexico to visit our supporters. The time we had in Lighthouse Baptist Church opened my eyes to the necessity of visiting our supporters more often, or at least to have better communication.

Jezen and Jada continue to grow in stature and in the Lord, they serve within the church playing music and running some of the sound booth equipment; they truly enjoy serving our Lord.

Itzen as always never leaves my side, serving in every capacity she can, giving classes to the ladies in the Bible School as well as in the church. She also continues to work with the children in Sunday School as she has now for so many years. God has blessed me with this Proverbs 31 woman, I thank the Lord everyday for her life and service to Him.

Mom is currently enjoying time with her brother who is here to visit from Missouri. They have been enjoying each other's company traveling all over the city together in search of their childhood friends. It has been a joy to see my mother rejuvenated by her brothers visit this past week.

As a family we always pray for you, your church, and the ministry to which God has called you. You are constantly in our heart, our mind and in our prayers. We hope to see you all in the not-so-distant future. Please pray for Mexico and our family; stay in contact with us, write, call, email, text, we need contact with you.

In His service,
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