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Dear Gospel partners,

¡Feliz 2020 from Puebla, Mexico! Your investment in eternity has made it possible for us to begin the year here. With grateful hearts, we want to update you on the ministry.

An important conversation:

"Kevin, you can be on the mission field for twenty years or you can be on the mission field for one year. The difference between missionaries who stay long-term and those who don't is how they minister to their families during the first months. Take care of your first ministry; your family."

This is very wise counsel, because as missionaries conclude the rigors of deputation, the thought is to just get to the field and go full-bore in the ministry, because after all, *you're finally there*. But to do that would realize a great fear that I have had for years; orchestrating a life where church and ministry is "my thing", and my family feels the disconnect from it. No way! We travelled as a family, presented our ministry and sang in churches as a family, and I announced in church after church that I wasn't coming to Mexico to build a family-outreach ministry at the expense of my own family.

So, I am grateful to work with Pastor Arturo Muñoz here in Puebla, who arrived as a missionary here twenty years ago and is aware of the culture shock that Americans experience. He told me from the get-go that I should take the first months here and spoil my family, spend extra time together, attend church at "Iglesia Cristiana Bautista", and just adapt to life in general in central Mexico. So we've been doing that, along with visiting a few other local churches in Puebla, and sharing the Gospel through door-to-door evangelism. In the middle of it all, we just got some great news from our 6 year-old Hadassah. *"I went to Sunday school class, and Sister Iris taught all in Spanish, and I finally understood it all."* Since the language barrier is part of that culture shock, those words were quite encouraging.



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Planning the work:

Pastor Muñoz and I have set a date of Saturday April 6th, that we will be the kickoff date for our "Fundamentos Familiares" counseling outreach. We are planning an event to bring in a lot of visitors, and from that event, initiate our evangelistic home groups. Beginning in March, we will begin training the team and getting ready for the kickoff.

Also, the Lord brought Gustavo Contreras our way, who is a faithful member of a local church in Puebla. He's a talented app designer who I am working with to set up the "Fundamentos Familiares" app that will enable us to train counselors, track visitors, and grow our counseling groups in the most efficient way possible in Mexico and beyond. I couldn't have asked for a better beginning to the ministry here.

We thank you all especially for your monthly partnership with us, and also for generous Christmas gifts you sent. We arrived in Mexico in late December with the encouragement of your giving and prayers. God is good to us through you. We are praying for you all. Feel free to contact me through email at keruxhispano@yahoo.com or on Facebook Messenger.

From Jesus' victory,

Kevin Taylor and family



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