



Kevin Taylor and family

Reaching the Broken in Puebla, Mexico

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Dear Gospel Partners,

Hello from central Mexico. We are thankful for your partnership to reach broken families, and want to update you all on how God is using you here. This will be more of a story than a typical prayer letter.

GOD USED ONE MAN TO GUIDE A SHIFT IN MINISTRY:

Our plan was to exclusively reach people through family counseling. What happened? In our first week here, some friends that live in North Carolina, but are from here, sent us to meet their family members. We met **José Tenahua** in the small town of Malacatepec. (Photo at right)



In May we began "Fundamentos Familiares" in Malacatepec to reach families through biblical counseling. Among the attendees was **José** (photo below). We open the floor for questions, but rather than asking a question, he simply said, **"I can't stop drinking. I have tried a lot."**

Many others have mentioned the same problem with drugs and alcohol wrecking their families. It's been clear; *addicts have families and families have addicts.*

From this, we had a realization moment:

To attempt to counsel families here without dealing with addictions is incomplete.



About half-way through 2020, we also realized that our church in Puebla, Iglesia Cristiana Bautista, is a gold mine for servants for addiction ministry, because it has many ex-addicts and many others whose lives have been affected by addiction.

From October-December, we came to the U.S for a short furlough (and saw many of you). During that trip, all I could think about were the addicts in Mexico. In November, Hannah and I had the chance to visit Reformer's Unanimous addictions ministry in Rockford, IL, which was very motivating. On December 20, we returned to Mexico and began working together to begin *Grupo Esperanza* ("Hope Group") in an official way.

We formed two teams to reach addicts, one for Puebla (4 million people) at our church, and another for Malacatepec (4-6 thousand people).

3. Addictions ministry teams



Team Puebla
Friday Night meetings



Team Malacatepec
Wednesday Night meetings

(Photo below): José attends and participates in *Grupo Esperanza* addictions ministry in Malacatepec.



5. March 2021 (Grupo Esperanza Puebla)



(Photo at left): In Puebla, the Lord has used our team to show much love to the addicted, and brought visitors who took their first steps on Friday March 5th (in picture getting rewards). This addictions outreach has also brought about family counseling opportunities with our visitors; which is why we came here initially.

Also, we haven't discontinued family counseling outreach (*Fundamentos Familiares*) in Malacatepec. Thankfully, we see between 20-40 people attend on average.

In Puebla we plan to re-launch *Fundamentos Familiares* in June with the many contacts we are getting from *Grupo Esperanza*. We are seeing that God is using these two ministries to feed one another. He is good. His plans are not mine, and it's not His job to find out my plan and do it. It's my job to find His plan and do it.

Lesson we all have learned: Always write ministry plans in pencil. The mission never changes, but our methods in a certain season might.

Thank you all for being part of God's plan in Mexico. We appreciate you all.

For Jesus and the broken,

Kevin Taylor and family (1 Tim. 1:15)