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*Serving the Lord in Mexico*

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Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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By the grace of God, we are still alive and serving the Lord. We know many servants of God have left this temporal world behind and graduated to glory because of COVID-19. In Colombia alone, nearly 100 faithful servants; in Tijuana, Mexico, we know of about 16; in Córdoba, Vera Cruz, about 40; here in Puebla, more than 10 have entered eternity. One of those who recently passed was Pastor Octavio, leaving behind his dear wife and a son. So, we must recognize God's blessing in our lives as He continues to sustain us to be used of Him in ministry.

We thank God that, in spite of so many limitations we've faced as we form a small congregation here in Puebla, Mexico, we have been blessed to see new souls saved. It is the Lord who adds to the church those who are to be saved. Glory to His name. On October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, we had two brothers from IPM visit with us to see the work here and the urgent need we have for land. It was a good time of blessing and encouragement to the believers here. The location where we currently meet is being lended to us for church use, but we only have permission to occupy it until March 2022. That means we only have three months left to determine what to do and where to go. So, we thank God for you and being able to count on you for your prayer support regarding the future of this missionary work, of which you are all an important part. And, as we have always said many times before, without you it would be impossible to carry out the missionary work that God has given us. We thank the Lord for each and every one of you - our brothers, sisters, pastors and family - who love the Lord and have His heart for missions.



### **FAMILY**

Unfortunately, my wife was recently robbed while in a commercial square. My son had left her side for just a minute when this all happened. They stole money from my wife that she had intended to use for our daughters who are coming to be with us for the end of this year. As any mother would do, she obviously shed her tears, but we thank the Lord that nothing more major happened to her. In way of more positive news, we contacted a specialist here in Puebla who is treating my wife to control her arthritis. Thank God, we believe that the medications we are buying every month have helped her. Please do not forget to pray for her. She already has three prostheses, and her arms only have 30% of their range of motion at this time. We hope to contact a physiotherapist for her arms in the days ahead. Please pray for my wife - a true missionary servant of God. She may be very limited physically, but she has a ready and willing heart to continue serving the Lord on the mission field.

### **THE MISSIONARY WORK**

We thank the Lord that we have been able to continue helping church families who were affected by COVID-19 with physical goods. Thank you for giving generously so that we could provide humanitarian aid to those in need.

On Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, we plan to hold our Christmas program. We have already rented an adequate space for about 150 people. We are motivating the believers here to invite their lost family members and relatives. We would like to purchase about 30 more chairs for this occasion. Each chair costs roughly \$25, so the total need is about \$750. Please pray with us for the Lord to use this event for His glory. We also hope to carry out our first baptisms here in Puebla next year. It will be something very special for the new work that we have started.

Please also pray with us for God's provision for our ministry vehicle project. We are asking the Lord to provide the remaining need of \$11,800 for a ministry van.

I continue to share Bible studies through Zoom on Mondays and Tuesdays; on Saturdays, I continue discipling the new believers. Our studies have gone very well. Most of the believers here have never studied the Bible in an orderly and systematic way.

### **OTHER GOOD NEWS**

At last, I have plans to visit the Cuban believers next year and take the economic help to them that has come in to buy bicycles for the missionaries, benches and even a special offering to finish building their houses of worship. We hope to be able to travel by then, even if COVID-19 continues to linger. I have already contacted the president of the independent Baptist churches of Cuba to organize my stay and visits to various houses of worship.

Thank you, brothers and sisters, for how good you have been and still are to us. Thank you very much for not forgetting us. We have lived through some very sad and bitter situations; but, by God's grace, we see God giving fruit as new souls get saved. That alone is worth the fight and motivates us to continue. May God shower His blessings from on high in every one of your lives, families, churches and ministries.



Your missionaries,

Sergio and Alejandra Herrera Zepeda

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