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*Serving the Lord in Mexico*

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Dear Pastor and Church Family,

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Once again, I am grateful to the Lord for the opportunity to write you. Thank you for partnering with us so faithfully over the years.

We thank the Lord Jesus Christ for having sustained us during this trialing time that has come upon the entire world as COVID-19 continues. Thank God, my daughter, Priscilla, and two of my sons-in-law have recovered from COVID in Guatemala. Though, we are still worried for them and for their economy. Please pray for my son Joel. He has been a tremendous blessing to us as he helped teach VBS and our youth on Saturdays. My daughter, Myrle, has also been a blessing through her teaching of the young ladies in the church as well as the youth in general.

Here in Mexico, the problem continues to be serious. We continue to be very cautious because of my wife. Many believers from the church - five entire families - have recovered from COVID. However, one entire family is still fighting, including an elderly couple within that family. Their names are Alfredo, his wife Martha, his children Luis and Jaqueline, his son-in-law, and his grandson named Alexander who is two years old. I have already provided them with a tank of oxygen. We also gave a different family a food basket from the funds that came in for humanitarian help. Thank you for your offerings to help others in need during this crisis. You have been a blessing to numerous families.

## THE MINISTRY

We praise the Lord that in spite of so many limitations, the believers are remaining faithful here. We know that the church in general is facing new challenges because of COVID-19; and, one of them is trying to maintain the continuity of the work, the spirit of the believers, and their growth. I think it has helped us to have times of sharing God's Word throughout the week: Bible studies on Mondays and Tuesdays; a special time of prayer on Wednesdays; women's Bible study on Fridays; and in-person discipleship meetings for new believers on Saturdays.

We count our blessings as we see the Lord answering prayer in the ministry. A sister in the church faced deep heartache when her husband left her to be with another woman. After one year apart, we had the opportunity to speak with him on more than one occasion. And finally, last month on a Saturday, we held a small meeting for couples. He arrived and is finally back in his home. It will be a great challenge to help restore their marriage in the months ahead. Please pray for this couple and for God's redeeming work in their hearts and lives.



Another blessing has to do with the two men pictured in the photo. On Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, they received Christ. Their names are Pablo and Chucho. They came to Christ through a Bible study that we hold regularly in a brother's house on Saturdays at 6 pm. So, we thank God for Pablo and Chucho.

In the space where we meet together, we had a special dinner with some of the families from the church. It was something we needed to do in order to encourage the believers. Especially two families who suffered greatly during the pandemic in a way that left them hurting financially.

As I shared with you before, the property where we currently meet as a church was loaned to us for two years. In March of next year, we will have to look for a new place where we can meet together. We are praying already for God to provide us with land for the church. Here in Puebla, housing and land are both very expensive. One square meter of property has a minimum cost of approximately \$150. Please pray with us for the Lord's leading and provision for this growing church.

On a different note, we have young people (who are related to families in our church) traveling long distances to attend our church. We continue praying for God to provide funds for our ministry vehicle project. Thank God, we already have \$3,500 towards a pickup truck. Please pray with us for the remaining need of \$11,500.

As missionaries for many years, dear brothers and sisters, we are just now feeling the heavy load. We know that we have to place this load over our Lord; but, humanly speaking and with great honesty, I share our feelings and worries for the work. I think it's necessary to do so you can help us to pray for the work and for us as a missionary family who have served for years and made many sacrifices to serve the Lord together with you. I think this work that we are forming will be the last in our Christian race as missionaries. So, please, we ask for your support and God's blessings in our lives to be able to finish our race well!

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

1. For our family as we are divided between Mexico, Guatemala, and Costa Rica
2. For the work we are raising up here in Puebla, Mexico in the midst of the pandemic
3. For the spiritual growth of Pablo, Chucho, Miguel, Brenda and Miro (two sisters who also accepted Christ several months ago. Their mother passed away from COVID last year but is now in the Lord's presence.)
4. For Lupita, Carmen, and Sylvia who are three new believers in the gospel
5. For God to give me a lot of wisdom in studying His Word. After one year, I finished teaching through the gospel of John. I started teaching through the book of Acts on Tuesdays at 8 pm while still teaching through Romans on Mondays at 8 pm and Matthew on Saturdays at 11 am - all through Zoom.

Thank you very much for your prayers and for the sacrifices you make in order to support us financially because of your love for the lost and for our missionary family. My God will reward you. We are so grateful for you.

Your missionaries,

Sergio and Alejandra Herrera Zepeda

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