



# The Salvador Rodríguez Family

*Serving the Lord in Mexico*

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Dear IPM Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

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*Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: Who hath declared this from ancient time? Who hath told it from that time? Have not I the LORD? And there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside Me. Look unto Me, and be ye saved all the ends of the earth: for I am God, there is none else. Isaiah 45:21-22*

It is our prayer that you are enjoying the blessings that we have together through the salvation that is in Christ. It is a privilege to serve our God, and, while we do it, we experience his grace. We continue to preach the powerful message of salvation to the lost and edify the saints with The Holy Scriptures for the glory of God.

### Music:

We thank God for what he is doing in the area of music. For some time, we sang the hymns a cappella, and then brother Eduardo Hernández began to accompany us on the violin. Now, we have music classes. Sister Bathsheba, wife of our assistant pastor, Brother Uriel, has taught some guitar and piano classes. Brother Eduardo Hernández is also teaching violin classes. In addition, God has provided us with a nice piano for church music.



### Our anniversary:

In the last days of March, we celebrated our 12th anniversary. The guest speaker was Pastor José A. Talavera (our pastor), who came from the Buenas Nuevas Fundamental Baptist Church in San Carlos, California. It was a great blessing as he preached and exhorted us for the first time in the city of Apatzingán, Michoacán. On Friday and Saturday, he preached sermons addressed to non-believers about the reality of hell and heaven. On Sunday, he preached on the unity of the church. It was nice to see him again and hear the Word of God through him. In addition, my brother, Juan Rodríguez, and his wife, Marina Contreras, visited us from California for the first time on the anniversary, and, for the second time, from Veracruz, Brother Alberto Sosa and his wife, María Contreras, came to be with us. (These brothers, my wife, and a servant were saved under the ministry of Pastor José Talavera).

### Pastoral Ordination:

On Thursday, March 24, we celebrated the ordination to the ministry of brother Uriel Chávez González. The following group of pastors attended this activity to participate in the council: Pastor James Gardner, Gildardo Zarate, Eladio Rangel, David Florean (Secretary), José A. Talavera (Moderator), Salvador Rodríguez (A servant pastor of the church). In addition, two leaders from our church, Julio Cesar Genchis and Cruz Víctor Amado attended. Pastor José A. Talavera led the ordination service. The pastors of the council asked the candidate various questions about his personal and spiritual life and about the doctrines of the Bible. Thank God, after examining the questions and a series of recommendations, the candidate for the ministry was given unanimous approval. The council of pastors also asked the ministry candidate's wife, Sister Bathsheba, some questions and, thank God, she answered satisfactorily, so we concluded by laying hands and praying.



### Ebenezer Fundamental Baptist Church:

Praise the Lord, on Saturdays at 6:00 PM, we have resumed our support of the Ebenezer Fundamental Baptist Church, located in El Paraíso. They do not have a pastor, and, while we had stopped meeting with them due to COVID, they have now resumed their in-person services. (Another pastor supported them with virtual sermons during the COVID closures.) I ask for your prayers for them for their spiritual growth and for God to provide them with a pastor.

### **Construction Plans for the Church Building:**

Here we are on the church grounds, with my pastor, José A. Talavera, who preached to us during the anniversary conferences. We are in this place to make plans about the construction of the building for the church. The measure of the building we plan to build is 98x49 feet. We are making plans for the auditorium, the platform, the dressing room, the baptistry, and a cellar. The total cost of the building is \$45,000. I ask for your prayers for the construction plans. In addition, we started to build the bathrooms, which are close to being finished. We began to build the bathrooms first because, when they were finished, there could be the possibility of starting to have the services in here.



### **During Holy Week we went as a church to a camp:**

During Holy Week, it was a blessing to go out as a church to a camp (pictures below). We had a good time. We arrived at the camp on Friday. We listened to the Word of God, and the men got up at 6:00 AM on Saturday to listen to a devotional for men. In this time, we were challenged to be good leaders in the fear of God. The camp was held in a place called "Tzararacua." Being in the recreational camp environment helped us to be more available to the Word of God.

### **Prayer requests:**

- \* May God bless brother Uriel Chávez González, who has been ordained for the ministry, and his wife who is pregnant and will soon give birth.
- \* May God provide for the construction of the building for the church.
- \* For the salvation of souls.
- \* May God give us the wisdom to minister in the church.



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The Rodríguez Espinoza Family

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