

Dear IPM brothers,

God bless you. The Lord, by his grace, has given us the privilege of ministering in the city of Apatzingán Michoacán. At the beginning of the work, we struggled a little because the inhabitants of this place distrust strangers. At first, people looked at us with distrust because they did not know us.

Therefore, in the first years, we struggled with attendance at church services. We continued ministering to some children, and in the following years, we began to minister to their parents. By the grace of God, we have reached some families for Christ, for which we thank Him.



For certain reasons, we have stopped preaching the gospel in one rehabilitation center for drug addicts. However, God opened the doors to continue preaching in another center. Personally, I think I know the majority of the drug addicts in the city because, at least once in their lives, their relatives annex them to these places. Bringing the message of salvation to the rehabilitation centers is a great blessing because there are about forty people there who are attentive to the teachings of the Word of God. At the center, they have certain rules to encourage the people to pay attention. This makes it easier to talk to them.

On November 23rd, we remembered when we were in the United States of America, celebrating Thanksgiving at Brother Uriel's house. We enjoyed a delicious turkey, different dishes and some delicious desserts. We had a good time in Christian fellowship, and we thanked God for the different aspects of the Christian life.

At Christmas, we worked with the project of continuing to evangelize the children, and also to follow up with the little ones and their parents. On November 24th, Brother Olegario and Liz, missionaries from Apen, came to train teachers to material for a Christmas class, with the purpose of teaching it to children in different parts of the city during the month of December.



I ask for prayer for a former Jehovah's Witness brother who regularly attends church services. We have begun to disciple him, and, although he has some doubts, he is willing to be taught. These days, a problem has arisen because his relatives who are Jehovah's Witnesses have begun to verbally attack him, trying to persuade him that he is wrong. Thank God that, despite the little knowledge he has of the Bible, he remains firm in his faith.



In the construction of the church grounds, we continue finishing the bathrooms. We also have plans to tile the roof, for which we continue buying material. If God allows, as soon as we finish the bathrooms, we will begin the construction of the roof tile. The plans are that when God allows us to finish the tile, we will be congregating in this place.

## **Prayer Requests:**

- For the salvation of souls and for the grace of God to reach them with the gospel.
- May God bless the young people of our church so that their lives may be transformed.
- For God to help us to continue ministering to the children who come to the church.
- Wisdom for Brother Uriel and Sister Betsy as they minister in the different ministries of the church.
- May God provide for us to continue the construction project of the church building.
- As a family, that we may seek the Lord with our hearts and have an intimate relationship with Him.
- Wisdom in serving Him in the ministry, and direction of the Lord in the different situations of life.

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