



The Russell Family

Missionaries to Mexico

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Buenos Días, mis Queridos Hermanos, (Good Day, my Dear Brethren,)

This last month we took our final trip to the village of Zapotan for this year. There were hundreds of articles of clothing, shoes, diapers, baby formula, blankets, shampoos, toothbrushes, and many other items that were donated to our church from generous people in America, Canada, and Mexico with the purpose of distributing it to the people. Before we did the distributions, we held a church service in the community building as well as a kids/teens service outside. We sang some hymns that lifted up Christ, and preached a convicting message on the need for salvation from sin. There were well over 100 people in that building and by the end there was at least a third of the people that sincerely received Jesus Christ as their savior!

The work we have started here in Lo de Marcos is going very well, praise the Lord! The church had been without a pastor for over five years, so the Lord led me to teach/preach about the local New Testament church from the bible along with basic doctrines that God gives the church to stick by. It seems as if they are excited to be learning it. For some, this is their first time hearing basic doctrinal principals from the bible. I haven't finished the series yet, but some things I've preached on are believer's baptism, the Lord's Supper, etc. Because of this, some people approached me about following the Lord in believers' baptism. Also we just had our very first Lord's Supper Service last week, and in another few weeks we will have our very first baptismal service! It gets me so excited to see others excited about Jesus and have a true desire in their heart to follow Him!



Praise God for the growth he has given me in the language because, although I still have a lot to learn, I am starting to actually almost fully understand the people around me. I can't explain with words how exciting this is! Just last week as we were doing our Communion Service Sunday evening, I was able to review exactly what we were partaking in, in Spanish, with out any notes. Hallelujah! Normally I would write out every single word that I want to say and then translate it and print it out to read from the pulpit. But this time I did it freestyle— no notes!

I have been teaching classes to the church, as well as a few individuals, on how to give the gospel to someone using your bible (The Romans Road & Johannian Road). There is a young lady who desired greatly to know how to do that, because she has been a professing Christian for three years now, and her family is very Catholic, and reject her Christianity. She specifically told me that she was going home to give the gospel with all the verses to her parents and asked us to pray for her. After four days she sent us a text beaming with exclamation points about how she used everything that she learned with her parents and after witnessing for a few hours, both her mom and dad received Jesus as their Savior!!! The gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. Amen!

Also this month we had our very first missionary come visit us to present and preach. His name is Miguel and he was saved, trained, and sent out of Raymond Jones church near Guadalajara. He was a personal friend to us that first year that we lived in the area and sat under Raymond's ministry. He is a missionary to the drug rehab centers of Guadalajara as well as having his own rehab center in his hometown. He is a great servant for the Lord with an amazing testimony of God's grace in our life; and I believe the Lord used him mightily to encourage our people to a life of living for the Lord. I have a great desire to start teaching on missions as well as our own personal ministry of reconciliation in an effort to get everyone on board with the great commission that Jesus has given us; and I believe his testimony/preaching helped.



I would really like to ask for continued prayers for our family and the work here in Mexico. I don't know how else to explain it other than just stating it plainly; we are experiencing a strong spiritual wickedness that is opposing the work going on here and with our family. I would like to ask you for specific prayers on this matter. We need God's protection over us and the various ministries we have here. Thank you very much for your faithfulness and love for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Brothers and sisters keep up the good fight!

God bless-

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**Fluency in the
language**

**Church in
Lo de Marcos**

**Property for
the church**

**National
"Timothy"**

**Safety/well
being of our
family**

**Sarah's
Health**

