



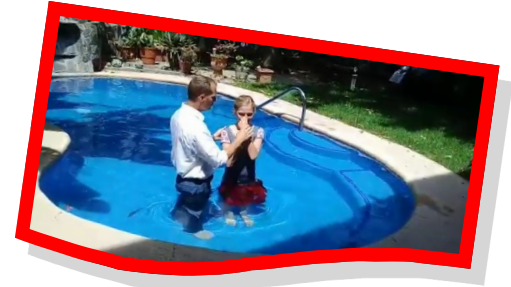
The Russell Family

Missionaries to Mexico

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

This month was really busy, and really great at the same time!

We had our first baptisms; there were three this month. One of them was very special to me...it was my daughter, Kendra! Praise the Lord! She heard me speaking of baptisms and came to me saying that she needed to be baptized. When I asked her why, she didn't hesitate to tell me because she wanted to be obedient and follow the Lord and be a testimony to that- Wow! For me it was special- not only because she got baptized, but also because it was my very first baptism that I have conducted. That same day, there was a newer Christian lady, Priscilla, who also obeyed the Lord in baptism. She filled the church full of guests and her recently saved parents drove 6 hours to come and watch her! Amen! The following Sunday one of the teens also got baptized. She went to camp with us and surrendered her life to serve the Lord and live for him. She has an excellent attitude and has been finding ways to serve in the church as well. Praise the Lord for people that dedicate their lives to live and serve our Lord Jesus Christ!



After returning from camp last month, we started up a weekly teen group. They were all excited from camp and we tried to take advantage of that to grow and mature them while still having fun. The majority of them are still coming faithfully, and they are starting to learn as well. Please pray for them, and our church kids. After all, they are the future of the church!

The following weekend after the baptisms, we had a huge evangelistic conference on Friday and Saturday entitled 'His Grace is Sufficient'. The purpose was to preach plainly and simply on salvation through Jesus Christ. The weeks leading up to the conference was filled with planning and organizing the details, and passing out nearly 2000 personal invitations in Lo De Marcos and the three surrounding villages. We had some visitors at the conference, but no one openly received the Lord as their savior. Something that the Lord has pointed out to me since we have started here, is the apathy of the people in town towards God. Not just religion and God, but life after death in general...no care.

On Sunday of the conference weekend we did normal services with the guest preachers and it was a HUGE blessing for our people. There was an altar call at the end with lots of tears and, what I believe, changed hearts. I praise the Lord for it and desire to build off of this to get our church excited about serving Him in our daily lives. Please pray the Lord would be able to grow our church spiritually, and that we could reach as many people as possible.

The following weekend there was a bible institute graduation at Raymond Jones' church near Guadalajara. We went to support brother Jones' first graduating class of his institute, along with some really good friends of ours that were graduating. I love seeing more soldiers entering the battle equipped with the Word of God. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:38.

Some other prayer requests: Our son Cristian is going back to the states for a bible teen camp. Along with that the Lord has opened up opportunities for him to learn construction (house framing), as he has been praying about what the Lord wants him to do when he graduates in two years. Please pray for his trip, and growth for him, spiritually and mentally. Also, pray for the future of our ministry; there are different things I believe the Lord desires for the work here, and I would greatly appreciate your further prayers in that. And of course for our family: for health, safety, and direction. Thank you everyone, we love y'all very much!

Brothers and sisters keep up the good fight!
God bless-

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Sarah's Health

Cristian's trip

