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PRAYERS

Fluency in the
language

Church in
Guayabitos

Property for
the church

National
"Timothy"

Safety/well
being of our
family

Sarah's
Health



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

Oct-Nov 2019

A lot has happened these past two months, so I'll get right to it. For the last year, since we have been over the church in Lo de Marcos (LDM,) we have been seeking the Lord's will, as a church, for His future vision and what he'd have for us. One of the big things we needed to address right away was where the church should be. If it should stay in LDM or if we should move it to a more central location.

The church has always been in the small town of LDM, and has always struggled with being self supporting and indigenous. It had been without a pastor for eight years and very few members, (only one family) are actually from LDM. The vision that God has given me is to have an indigenous church that would have longevity that goes beyond the time the Lord allows me here. Through a year of praying and waiting for the Lord's guidance, the Lord made it very clear what we needed to do; move the church 15 minutes down the road to the biggest town of Guayabitos.

When the Lord started showing me all of this, he also showed me 1 Cor 16:9; a great door of opportunity was opened up for the church. At the same time I remember the Lord also showing me that there were many adversaries waiting. The church prayed for three weeks before we discussed it openly as a group, and were in 100% agreeance that the Lord's will for the church was to move. In the two months of all of this, we suffered many attacks. I don't give many details about that usually, or speak a lot of it, but it's very true for all missionaries who follow the guidance and direction of God; just read the life of Paul. There were many afflictions of fights within and without, in sickness, in finances, and even with outsiders trying to split the church in two before we even got started!! It has been a very trying time...but it has been a tremendous blessing to see Christ get the victory in every battle!!

One of these blessings was the church's very first missions conference ever. I had already planned this conference for November 1st, and the Lord timed the move of the church to coincide together. Our very first service in the new building was the start of our missions conference! This is a huge vision the Lord gave me for the church moving forward; working the fields of the harvest near and far.

We had two missionary families from Mexico headed to other countries that came in and presented and preached for a three day conference. The culmination on Sunday revealed the worth of all the labor and endurance of affliction. During the testimonies, the people were in tears of the great things God was doing with them and through them, and to experience a missions conference for the first time was beyond words for them. After receiving their faith promise pledges to missions, the results were unbelievable. As a church with less than 20 members, they were able to take on THREE missionaries fulltime!! The two families that presented, as well as another family that the church knows very well.

To top it all off, during cake and coffee after Sunday night service a teenage girl that attends every now and then received Christ as her personal savior!! There were so many blessings that came out of this that really encouraged us to keep going. Now we are looking ahead to our field here in Guayabitos, and praying the church stays faithful with their commitments. It's all in the Lord's hands.

Thank you for your faithfulness as always. Your prayers keep us going through the thick and rough of it all. There is a lot more work to be done to make this an indigenous self supporting church that will continue until the Lord's return, so please pray with us and for us in that as I'm sure there are still many attacks on their way.

Brothers and sisters keep up the good fight!

God bless- The Russell Family

Adam, Sarah, Cristian, Kendra, Braden

