



The Russell Family

Missionaries to Mexico

March-April 2020

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

As everyone is very well aware of, everything has come to a halt this whole last month. What a bummer it has been, but also great to see some doors open up that we didn't have before! Mexico was a little behind the states, just like with everything, to start quarantining people. We continued services like normal for all of March. But once it became serious in Canada and America we felt it almost immediately here in our area. Within one week, 95% of all snowbirds fled the coup to head north. Everyone in our area was hit real hard with business and work almost immediately, and are still struggling.

We are able to help as we can with faithful members by supplying the basic essentials of rice and beans and prescription medicines, etc.; but we are also praying about different ways we can minister to the folks in our area without becoming known as the handout church. We must be careful as we want the reputation of a bible believing church that loves and fears God, while showing others the love of Christ; not of a rich white pastor who gives things to people that come to church. Please pray for the Lord's wisdom and guidance for us that we could minister spiritually and physically some way, as the church is still widely unknown having only been here for six months.

At the beginning of April they completely shut everything down including barricading the entrances to the cities in our area. They are checking everybody who enters, and the state we live in has shut it's borders. Just recently they put out an order to call the police if any social gatherings are discovered, and the host can be jailed up to 36 hours and fined!

Because the church is downtown where everything has been barricaded, we had to shut the church down. However, the Lord opened other great doors in place of all that. We began to visit families and hold studies in their homes! People weren't open to this before, so we jumped on the opportunity to visit people and preach the gospel. Some were families that didn't attend the church and had general fear of everything going on, and others were church members, but by going to their home we were able to preach to their family members that aren't saved.

One of the family members that we were able to witness to for about an hour, who is a good C&E Catholic, completely understood what the bible had to say about true salvation after we were done. She asked great heart felt questions to help her understand, while also trying to refute the bible with Catholicism; but after asking her if she'd like to receive Christ as her saviour, she said she needed to think on it. We asked what it was she needed to think on, and her reply was, "if I can leave the Catholic church or not." The people know the repercussions of leaving the religion...even if they don't actually go to the church. Catholicism has such a stronghold on the people because of their culture (to be Mexican is to be Catholic). It's heartbreaking to think of all of the people that will end up in hell because of fear of "man"; after all, they won't even get saved because of religion. Please pray that God would move the hearts of the people to break down this oppressive wall of religion and apathy.

If the quarantine is lifted in May we are planning a "family day" service at the church. It would be like a normal service, but afterwards there will be food and games centered around family fun. We are encouraging everyone to invite all their family, friends, and neighbors to get the gospel to them. The really big thing we desire to see is more men get saved and grow in the Lord. There is a huge lack of men in our church. Please pray that the Lord would use this greatly for his glory and honor.

We whole heartedly believe the Lord is holding us up through your faithful prayer and financial support, so THANK YOU very much. With love-

Brothers and sisters keep up the good fight!

God bless-

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