

The Russell Family Missionaries to Mexico

January 2021

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

I'm not one to do a lot of reflecting at the end of the year looking back, mainly because I'm always looking forward at what I can do; but after hearing others in our ministry talk about the fruit God gave us this year... I started thinking and praising the Lord!

Even with the pandemic and shut down of everything for too many months this year, we were still able to see God do things. The thing that I pointed out to our church is that just because the world shuts everything down, doesn't mean you have to shut down the work of the Lord. During the major quarantines we kept the work going; if you remember previous letters, we went out into the community and gave dispensaries and preached the gospel. We continued doing discipleships, passing out tracks, and preaching in the streets.



At the end of the year we can see the fruit: a great consistent teen group that we were able to bring to a teen camp; and because of the work with them 4 personal confessions of salvation that I have seen, as well as 1 receiving a call into the ministry and pursuing it



with the bible institute classes I'm giving. The addition of several adults in church with at least 3 testimonies of salvation that I have seen. Two baptisms of people desiring to take that first act of obedience in following Jesus Christ with their life. The first anniversary of the church we started here in Guayabitos with a GREAT conference that has encouraged the church to "press toward the mark". Another 6

people staying faithful to discipleship lessons and growing spiritually in their

life. Also the answer to my personal prayer of God sending a faithful man that lives to see the gospel preached and help out in the ministry. This is amazing stuff!

We are SO incredibly thankful for all that God has helped us get through this year, and to be able to see "handfuls of purpose" along the way! We are VERY thankful for you and all of your support with faithful prayers and finances! We know that it's pretty ugly in the states right now, and now, more than ever, the church needs to stand and fight the good fight of faith! You are all in our prayers. Keep it up, and Lord willing we'll see our Savior face to face this year!



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

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Fluency in the language

Church in Guavabitos

National "Timothy"

Safety/well being of our family

> Sarah's Health

Short furlough trip

