

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Lots of great news these last couple months here in Mexico! In May we had an evangelistic event for Kid's Day, which is like Mother's Day. We had at least 50 first time visitors that we're given the gospel, with at least one adult who clearly received the Lord and many kids as well. The adults are always closed off in group settings, so it makes it harder to deal with them instead of one on one. But It was a great day of having people see the difference between a religion and a relationship with Jesus Christ.

At the end of May we had our annual mission's conference. One of the missionary families is to Chiapas, Mexico; an area that will not allow anything to enter other than Catholicism and the revolutionists called "Zapatistas". They will literally destroy your house to rubble and kill you if you are outside of what they stand for. The Mexican government is not allowed and has no authority in that area. Another missionary family is on their way to Mozambique, Africa. Both families really encouraged our little church to step up to the plate even more for missions and make it personal. It set a fire that we pray burns for a long time.

June was continued negotiations for the property deal and preparing everything to finally sign. On June 27th we officially signed and gave a down payment for rights to the property!! The next step is waiting on the government to hand over full ownership of the property. It is a VERY long process, but we are very thankful to finally be done with the first step to setting up an established local church. We have 55% of the money to pay it off, and trust the Lord will provide the rest in his timing.

The church is growing in numbers, and most importantly spiritually. We continue to give them the word of God with sound doctrine, and we watch God give the increase. The most awesome part for us is seeing them get grounded in good doctrine so that they aren't floundering in the masses of religion and humanism all around them. Step by step we know that God is faithful to perform that which he called us to do.

In family matters we are doing well. Sarah overall is slowly getting better, but there is definitely something wrong that we desire wisdom from God to figure out. We came by another neurologist by word of mouth, and after some hesitance we visited him. It was very encouraging to hear his wisdom as he explained where he believed the problems were, and how he wanted to investigate with studies to get to the bottom of the issue. Normally the doctors are pill pushers instead figuring out the root cause; so we have peace from the Lord to get these studies done, and we're praying will reveal the root cause. Please be in prayer for that.

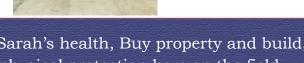
The kids are growing like weeds, and I'm just growing older. We're thankful for you guys and your faithfulness, and all the Lord is doing in our lives and the work he has called us to. Praise his holy name!

Brothers and sisters keep up the good fight!

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