

Prayer letter, Marín family
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About Mexico

The months of May and June were very intense months politically due to presidential elections being held on July 1st. They were months of a lot of uncertainty and violence in many senses; There were 136 assassinations of candidates to different political positions, which generated much uncertainty and fear in the population. The church throughout the country united in prayer and fasting that all would take place in a peaceful manner, and we thank God that it did. Today there is a spirit of calm and we thank God for this.

MIIA Churches

The churches of MIIA continue in the work of proclaiming the Gospel, in relationship together, as well as in service to the community and in discipleship. We continue offering breakfast in the hospitals for the people who spend the night there awaiting information about their loved ones in the hospital. Also, Arc of God Church is doing a special project with an AA group, sharing the peace and freedom that Jesus gives every Tuesday. One of our pastors entered into a complicated period in his life and we have needed to provide extra support to him and his congregation; at this point we have a substitute pastor in that church, Church of the Good Shepherd. Please pray for them and for their pastor Ramón Solórzano, that he would rise above these difficult circumstances in his life. Also, the wife of pastor Jesús Gallardo had an operation and began dialysis due to renal failure. Otherwise the rest of us find ourselves healthy and are blessed by God's grace.

Other activities

During the months of May and June I have committed myself to accompaniment and training of pastors and leaders. Unfortunately I am now without a computer, so I needed to stop offering the Ministry School classes by video conference and am now offering them over email. In our congregation, People in Transformation, we continue moving forward with much excitement. In June we celebrated Father's Day and also our 22nd anniversary as a congregation. For two days I traveled with pastor Bob Stevenson, who is lead pastor of Monte María Church of the Promised Land and also my "spiritual father," and who together with his spouse provides spiritual leadership to my wife and myself. We went to the mountains of Veracruz and Puebla to give classes to the missionary pastors in that area; it was a time of much blessing. From the group of people who decided to walk with Christ at a funeral where I officiated, I began a discipleship group and we have completed seven weeks of bible studies. They remain firm in their commitment to Jesus and I am beginning to search for a church where they can participate.

My family and prayer requests:

We thank God that Abraham is now freed from all concern for his neck [he had suffered from a cyst and received treatment]. We pray for wisdom to continue educating and guiding our children, for wisdom and understanding from God in our lives, and to know God's will and follow it without wavering.

-César and Nohemí Marín