

Mexico City 7 May 2020

Dear brothers in faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the peace of God be on each one of you. Receive fraternal greetings from my family and me.

Well, what to say in these two months that they have really been such drastic changes for humanity, due to the appearance of COVID19. A virus that has put us at a distance from those we love and from the church, but at the same time more connected to each other.

In mid-April we were asked not to leave our houses and for the 3rd Sunday of April we were banned from all meetings. So life turned into uncertainty, expectation, fear, disbelief for others, and many more emotions.

Officially on March 23 we started with the isolation, there are terrifying figures of this pandemic in Mexico. I just want to tell you that some of the families of our church were thought to have COVID 19 and were under observation but thank God did not have the virus.

Regarding the economic issue, we knew from the beginning that it would be very difficult for everyone here in Mexico, since 60% of the population live day-to-day selling something, and when everything is closed, obviously the situation becomes complicated. In the church we have several brothers who live this way, and others had their jobs furloughed throughout the month of May, without pay.

The funds that we had as a church (not a large quantity) have been distributed to those most in need, or for medicines. Thank God. Starting this month, we will implement a new strategy, which consists of those closest and with the most ability to help, offering help to those who need it. Thank God no one has passed a single night without food or medicine.

A 35-year-old man who visited us at the church in March named Saul, sadly passed away leaving 2 children and his wife Yeimi.

For our part we found ourselves in the need (like everyone else) to adapt our online services. It has been a real challenge since we do not have experts in this and I am the least capable of anyone, so the tutorials on YouTube have been our teachers to be able to broadcast through Facebook and then to transfer to YouTube.

On Wednesdays at 8pm I teach zoom Bible study methods, on Saturdays at 11am we have Facebook live prayer, on Sundays at 10:30am a children's lesson, and at 11am our Sunday service. Caring for the church has been over the phone, sending food to the most vulnerable.

We had planned to put the temporary roof on before Easter Sunday and we did, but obviously no one has seen it yet.

Prayer Requests:

1. For the health of everyone in the church, for myself and my family.
 2. For the economy.
 3. That this situation resolve soon.
 4. For my children who are already very desperate from the quarantine, in an apartment of 80 meters.
 5. Wisdom to continue nurturing and encouraging the church, in these times.
- May the grace, peace, protection and love of our Lord Jesus Christ be in you.

... And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,... Ephesians 6: 18-19

Nohemí and César Marín



Preaching in the tent, Ahuaxintitla Puebla



With Brother Bernardino



Ready to preach



**Taco de Escamoles
(edible larvae, a local dish)**



Mimi "women's retreat"



Online class with pastors



Building the roof



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Inside because of the pandemic