



César Marín Prayer letter: March-June 2021

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Mexico City

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, receive cordial greetings from me and my family, as well as from the Tierra Prometida church in Ajusco, Mexico City.

First of all, I apologize for taking so long to write. Time has gone by very fast. March was the last time I wrote and since then many things have happened in our life and in the life of the church.

These months have held many changes in our lives. Nohemí (Mimi) started selling bread on order, and this has taken a lot of time and adjustment. We thank the Lord who has helped us up to this point. Mimi bought some bread pans and bakes the bread a little at a time because our oven is small, but it is working out well and she is adapting and learning at the same time. For my part, I began a job transporting cars to the shop for repair.

In the church we continue at 20% capacity, and it is very likely that we will close again, since the number COVID-19 infections has again increased after a three-month drop in infections.

Only God knows what will happen and we continue to trust him. Meanwhile God has allowed us to pray for many people with very varied situations.

This is the case of Juanita, 39, married, mother and grandmother. She suffered constant physical and psychological abuse. She has also had three operations for a benign but constantly growing brain tumor. She has lost sight in one eye and struggles to walk. We have helped her in many ways, but the main one was getting her out of that violent situation. She is cared for by doctors, psychologists, and lives with her sisters. She already looks a lot better than when we met her. And now the next step is to see if there is a future for Juanita to rebuild her family without abuse.

There is also 33-year-old Omar, whom God allowed us to meet, and who has a very difficult life history, married to Esmeralda with two daughters. He is currently a shopkeeper. God rescued him from a life of gangs and drugs, and a lot of violence. As a child his mother beat him. Later he was forced to leave his wife and daughters to protect them from those who wanted to kill him. Finally, God worked in his life, miraculously saving him from harm, and he has been able to return to his family and they are being disciplined.

Jonatan and his wife Miriam, parents to three sons and one daughter, were going through very difficult times. God allowed us to meet them and Mimi and I worked with them for the restoration of their marriage. By God's power we commissioned them with a church close to them and they are shepherding the church with much joy. Glory be given to God.

We completed 40 days of prayer and this has brought much encouragement and spiritual strength to all. I am sharing for the next 10 weeks a series entitled 10 Principles for Families, based on the 10 Commandments. We pray that God will restore our families and strengthen them.

We celebrated Father's Day with a very enjoyable barbecue. We thank God for the church. As for the place where we meet, we have replaced most of the damaged roof sheeting, which has been a blessing now that the rains have begun. Although there are not many who meet, as the scripture says every day the Lord adds those he chooses and they are added little by little.

Mimi is giving piano, guitar and singing lessons to some brothers in the church. This is building up our worship group, which has suffered greatly due to deaths in their family from COVID-19. We trust the Lord to reestablish them and to give Mimi the wisdom and patience to teach these brothers.

Many people who connected with our virtual broadcasts at the beginning are still participating, but we are facing the challenges of “virtual Church” if that exists. Continuous discipleship can happen at a distance and with phone calls, but all require a church to accompany them in their daily walk. For some I am looking for a nearby church, and am also asking in prayer for wisdom in what we should do.

In the School of Ministries I am currently teaching Christology and am reviewing exams. Because of the pandemic we have only had two months of face-to-face classes, and this has caused many students to end their study.

Well, life continues, God working in us and using his children to reconcile others with him. We are very grateful to God for everything he gives us; his love, grace to serve, healing, provision and direction. Likewise, we thank God for brothers and sisters like you who are always praying for us; we can feel your prayers.

Next week my children begin summer break. It has been a very difficult school year for them and we do not know for sure what will happen, but we trust in the Lord that he knows our future and in him we trust. We are all in good health, just me with a bit of joint problems.

Alan, Isaac, Abraham and Augusto send greetings and blessings. They hope to meet you one day.

Mimi and I send greetings, blessings, and our prayers to each and every one of you. We trust that the God of peace will flood you with peace for your lives.

We hope that one day you can visit us. The church sends you blessings and wishes to see you.

Prayer requests:

- For Omar and Juanita may God free and restore them completely
- For all the broadcasting work we do through social media, may God help me and give me wisdom with technology. (This is not my strong point)
- For my family, may God help us, and guide us in everything we undertake.
- For Mimi’s bread business
- That the church may be healed and strengthened in the Lord
- For me for wisdom and understanding of His word
- If God allows us to make a missionary trip to Cuba in 2022, may it be his will.
- For God's provision to continue helping those with needs; that we might soon be able to resume our trips to the hospitals to deliver coffee and bread.

Now, may the Lord of Peace himself give you his peace at all times and in every situation, the Lord be with all of you. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

2 Thes. 3:16, 18

Fraternally in Christ

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