



Hello from Mexico,

2023 has been a year of growth. We are full-time pastors of a small country church. It has been exciting to see how God is moving. This summer we held the first vacation bible school. We had an incredible turnout with an average of 40 children daily. It was a great way to get to know more of the families, speak with them directly, and put faces to many of the families we have been praying for. This was a catalyst for the kid's club that runs every Saturday. Where we pour into the children, share bible stories, and play games.

God's handiwork is all around us. This past month one of the church members had heart surgery. She traveled to a nearby town for the surgery. This was a major surgery and she's had previous heart surgeries. The night before the surgery she was lying in the hospital bed anxious and nervous. She was able to shut her eyes for a few minutes around 3 am. It was then that she saw three doctors walk in, and one of them said, "I will take care of you; no need to worry. I will be with you." With that, the three men walked out. She felt an overwhelming amount of peace overcome her as she opened her eyes.

She asked her husband who was sitting beside her if he had seen them, and he hadn't. When the time came for the surgery, her godson happened to be in the operating room that day as a nurse. She had no idea that he even worked at that hospital. God placed specific people there for her at just the right time. God gave her peace and healing so that she could share it with others. So that others can see God is alive and active.

Earlier this year, in an unreached village where we led a bible study we saw a family grow deeper in God. This village is up in the mountains off the beaten path. Every week we met with them over a meal. The children love going even though it takes over an hour to get there. The husband is hungry to hear more about God; he often has questions prepared. This is a village that has faced persecution. God has protected us and protects the family. We can feel God go before us. The family has been able to share more openly with other people and not face retaliation this year.



Jamie & Arianna



Merry Christmas



Children playing at Bible study



Iglesia Rosa de Sharon

God connected us with a Pastor who had the last batch of printed New Testament Bibles in their dialect of Purépecha. This family has been able to hand out several NT Bibles as they share the gospel with them. Some of the adult men are struggling to leave alcoholism, however, we have seen God work in them.

In another village where we held a discipleship program, a family was dealing with spiritual oppression and attacks. It is not something that is talked much about in the Western Church but in many parts of the world they face spiritual forces of evil. A witch doctor was casting spells upon their family. Through lots of prayer and declaring scripture they felt a breakthrough and freedom. The family was finally able to sleep at night and feel peace during the day.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers,
against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world, and
against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. -Ephesians 6:12 NIV

Not only did we see God at work in the ministry around us but also in our personal life. God orchestrated the birth of our daughter Andrea. God protected her early arrival. My in-laws happened to be visiting and able to help watch the children. If she had arrived a day earlier our road would have been closed due to a shooting. The midwives had all the necessary instruments to help Andrea breathe.

God is alive and working in the world around us. Thank you for being so committed to spreading the gospel to the nations! Our ministry is incredibly thankful to have you as part of our team. God is leading us to complete important discipleship projects in the next year and we rely on the support and prayers of ministry partners like you. It allows us to go into those hard-to-reach areas with important teachings and discipleship programs. Unlocking the Biblical truths and showings God's purposes for believers to bring transformation.

Thank you for all your prayers!

Blessings,

Edgar and Jamie Martinez
Isabella, Emma, Arianna, Elijah, Ezekiel & Andrea

