



Hello from Mexico,

We are grateful for your prayers. Just as spring has arrived, the flowers sprouting, remind us of the growth in the ministry happening. The church in Basilia is small and mighty. Every Sunday Edgar preaches to the handful of families, who are committed to helping with various church ministries from kid's club, women's outreach, youth outreach, and prayer.

We have seen immense growth in the past year since we have taken on this church plant. The kid's club has had a steady attendance weekly and has actually grown since we started this fall. Praise God! On average we have 15 children who come to listen to a Bible story, learn to pray and who God is, do a craft and play games.

This has allowed us to talk with their parents and share the gospel to them as well. We have seen the members of the church share openly with other community members and encourage them to attend.

The growth of ministry is God's working. It is God stirring in the hearts of those who do not know Him personally as their Lord and Savior. This past month was the first women's outreach event. We had a fantastic turn out of 24 women! Only four of them attend a church. That means 20 women came with an open heart to hear more about God! We already have events plan for the next two months.

One of the hardest part of ministry is getting people into the door of the church. Some for fear of what others will say, their family members or neighbors. Other's out of passivity.

We have seen a growth in the youth outreach. We have three new girls who attend the weekly youth group. There are few others who are interested but not as committed. Where we share the basics of who God is and what it means to be a Christian. Even though they come from a Catholic background they have no Bible knowledge nor can verbalize what God means to them.



Kid's Club



Prayer Meeting



Women's Group



There is a spiritual warfare going on. It is not something that is spoken about much in the Western world or even discussed. Pray for the believers and those who have open hearts to hear. Pray that the word would fall on fertile soil and not be choked up by the weeds or blown away in the wind. We are reminded of the verse in Isaiah.

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;
-Isaiah 61:1

This passage is a reminder that God has called us to this place. To spread the good news, bring freedom to the lost and captive, and show God's healing hand to the brokenhearted.

The majority of our time is spent building relationships with community members and church leaders in indigenous villages. It is hard and time consuming, but very rewarding ministry. It is rewarding to see people eager to learn more and have questions about scripture. Edgar has had the privilege of giving discipleship seminars to local church leaders this past quarter. As well, as speak at various celebrations sharing the gospel to hundreds of people in attendance.

The children are finishing up another year of school this April. This year Isabella has been part of an amazing organization that provides group counseling for missionary kids. It has been a blessing for her and she is able to interact with other youth who also feel misunderstood at times living amongst another culture.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray people will be receptive to the Gospel
- Pray for continual growth of ministries
- Pray for Edgar as he ministers to church leaders
- Pray for health and protection over our family

Thank you for all your prayers!

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Isabella, Emma, Arianna, Elijah, Ezekiel & Andrea

