

# **TECATE MISSION INTERNATIONAL**

**NEWS** 

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# **Looking Back & Looking Ahead**

Executive Director Ron Hoffman has recently stated, "We can learn and grow from our past, and we can look to the Lord for His guidance and wisdom for the future. The past can be a tool in God's hand to make us more like His Son for the days ahead."

## God's Word continues to be preached throughout

Mexico in TMI churches either with limited attendance, or outdoors and also using live streaming. Some of our pastors and their congregants have suffered from COVID. God has taken some dear saints home to glory. There have been times of discouragement; and in spite of the changes in the program of the church, the pastors unitedly express the faithfulness of God and many additional opportunities to minister to individuals.

# **Looking Ahead—Location Change**



Missionaries Alex and Guillermina Goribar feel a call of God to reach the lost in the 10/40 window of Mexico (la area de silencio) in the state of Michoacán, Mexico, following their 8 years of service at

the Bible Institute. This is a huge step for this dedicated couple. Therefore we ask you to pray for the Lord 's guidance as they consider details, timing, heart preparation and provision.

**Ministry Changes:** Manuel & Karina A. have chosen to work with another organization in the closed access area. God's blessings for them is our desire.

# Chairman of the TMI Executive



Celebrating 50 years of Service

#### **New to the Executive Board**



Due to Paul's
career in
computer
science he
offers wisdom,
life experience
and expertise in

this area.

Paul Jensen

He desires to serve the Lord with TMI.

There was un unexpected death in the family which hindered me making the planned trip to Chiapas and Oaxaca in December 2020. Therefore the money which you sent for the radio transmitter and equipment remains in a fund. My trip has been rescheduled for Easter break. My deep gratitude for your response. I will share more upon my return. Ron Hoffman

## TMI Schools Working to Educate and to Share the GOOD NEWS





**Distance learning with Missionary Victor Lopez** 

The Bible Institute of TMI continues to train students for future life and ministry. The schedule for classes has been changed due to COVID regulations. The semester will begin in March and



classes will be held in person and online. We are encouraged to receive news from graduates who are sharing the Gospel as full time pastors, missionaries, church planters, children's

and youth workers, and more.

#### **Tecate Christian School**





#### **New Missionary**

Rebecca Heib
Rebecca has been approved by the Executive Board to begin her ministry

as a teacher in Tecate Christian School. Pray for her adjustment and provision.

We continually give thanks to our Heavenly Father that the ministry of TCS goes on in-person in the classrooms. Every effort is being made to abide by the government restrictions. We are thankful for God's protection over students and staff and for the evidence of academic progress and a spiritual sensitivity.

Please stand with us in praying for additional teachers and an administrator called of God to serve Him. It is such a privilege. God can use you to share with others the vacancies in TCS. All inquires should be made to info@tecatemission.org or Willa Edmonds at 619.468.3355

There are two other elementary schools

under the umbrella of TMI.

One is located in San Mateo Del Mar,
Oaxaca, with Director/Pastor Esteban
Hinojosa using the ACE curriculum.

Another school is located in the Copper Canyon with around 35 students, but it is temporarily closed for in-person teaching.



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Continually we have questions asked to us concerning the ministry and missionaries of TMI. We would like to answer some of these. Please know that we encourage you to ask if at anytime something is not clear or you want to know more about God's working in and through this organization.

What is the main purpose of your organization in 2021?

We exist to serve Jesus Christ and His Church by reaching the lost, developing mature disciples, and building God's Kingdom in Mexico and the uttermost parts of the earth.

Is the purpose the same throughout each department of TMI? Yes, every missionary signs annually that they are agreement with the statement of purpose of TMI.

How many of these members receive a salary from TMI? No one. Everyone must have a partnership/support team (raise 100% of funds necessary for life and ministry).

What do you hope to accomplish through the Distribution Center Ministries?

We desire to meet the physical needs of people and use these items to show God's love and care for them and thus take advantage of every opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Why do you continue with Bible lessons by correspondence sent through the mail? Can't students receive this same teaching on-line? The majority of the students do not have access to computers and many are in prison facilities.

Tecate Christian School began in 1968. Are you in contact with any of the graduates? What feedback do you receive? Former students come by to ask for prayer or counsel and they share how God has used the school to establish them in their life of faith as adults. Several of the graduates have their children enrolled in TCS.

What are some of the biggest needs of TMI as you enter a new year? One big need is for God to call new missionaries to fill the much needed vacancies. One area, for example, is mentioned on page 2.

How can interested people participate in this ministry? They can invest their time (which includes work and prayer), talents and treasures.

How many churches are under the covering of TMI? 24

Do TMI churches in Mexico belong to a Mexican Religious Association? Yes. We desire to obey the regulations of the Mexican government by maintaining a religious association to which all of TMI churches are members. The President is Pastor Eufrasio Pérez.



Why does TMI want missionaries in Tanzania?

To take the Gospel where there are groups of people that are yet to be reached.

Explain the ministry of <u>The Nations Come to Us.</u>

Dan & Debbie Bender are ministering to refugees who are struggling to make a new life in America.

How does COVID affected the prison and rehabilitation center ministries? Freedom in Christ is being shared in these ministries through former contacts (2 Timothy 2:2) and preaching DVD's.

Does TMI have any debt?

We operate in the black.

How many full time members are with TMI?

76 active full time

9 Retirees



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#### The Ministry of TMI

TMI is a non-profit, non-denominational faith organization serving in the USA, Latin American, and Africa from the base in Tecate, CA.

#### The Mission of TMI

TMI has a membership of persons who seek to accomplish the Statement of Purpose. Our purpose is to win the lost to Jesus Christ and to fulfill the Great Commission through recruiting, training, sending, and assisting qualified laborers in partnership with the Body of Christ.

#### **Your Contributions**

Your involvement through prayer, financial giving, and other personal contributions of articles or labor can make a difference in the lives of many people whom Christ loves and for whom He died. All funds are the property of TMI. In accordance with IRS regulation 501c3, this organization retains the right to determine the use of any and all funds while attempting to respect the suggested designation given. Funds are acknowledged with an official receipt for tax purposes.

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# Seeking to Follow the Footsteps of our Heavenly Father in 2021

As we enter into a new year, we know that we at TMI, face new challenges and probably 'unchartered waters'. Our heart's desire as a missionary team is that we are open to hear the voice of the Lord and to follow Him so that He can navigate us through what is ahead.

Jesus said, "Go into ALL the world and preach the Gospel...." Mark 16:15

This includes the unreached, creative access areas. Designate: # 485 Creative Access Ministries

In many areas of the world our time might be short to share the GOOD NEWS. TMI has missionaries working in closed countries. Will you help us



to spread the Gospel in these areas today??