



Tecate Mission Int'l News

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Seedtime = Planting the Seed.....Harvest time = Reaping the Harvest

Times of Transition—*Sowing and Reaping*

Urbano & Margarita Luría have served faithfully for many years with TMI. They felt directed to move to retirement status but we know that they will continue their witness for the Lord.

Director Ron Hoffman led a meaningful transition service in Donaji, Oaxaca. The pastoral baton was passed to Eduardo Morales with his wife Araceli at his side. The two congregations have combined at the church facility in Donaji as Grace Redeemer Community Church. TMI Assistant Director, Andy Clark, plus missionary pastor Esteban Hinojosa, participated in the meaningful transition service .

The church facilities are very suitable for a growing congregation. We believe that God has good plans



for growth and spiritual maturity for these groups together.

Sowing the Word of God in Spain

Missionaries

Fernando & Monse Herrera have completed the translation of the New Testament in an Arabic dialect which will be used with groups of believers in Africa. Fernando continues to encourage these Christians who are hungry for the Word of God. Pray for the Herreras as they 'sow the Word' in the lives of those who live in closed areas of the world.



Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man sows, that he will also reap”

Galatians 6: 7

40 Years of Sowing and Reaping with TMI

Missionaries

Gabriel & Rosario Chavez, just received their plaque in recognition of 40 years of faithful service with TMI. God has used this dedicated couple to begin several churches in Tecate, Mexico, and in the surrounding area.



For the last 14 years, Gabriel has pastored the Arc of Salvation church in rural Cerro Azul. They continue to emphasize worship and the preaching of the Word and therefore have touched many lives for Christ. Pray for strength and encouragement for these servants of God.

Tecate Christian School

A full program of academics based on biblical principles and teaching continue to be the dynamics of TCS in grades 1 through 8. The children look forward to Friday morning chapels. Teachers and their classes plus other speakers or missionaries make challenging presentations which add to the learning process of the students.

Director Ron Hoffman states, "We hold a very sacred responsibility in helping to mold the lives



of these children and youth." Recently Curt Dokken spoke individually to the 7th grade boys and each one prayed to receive Christ. Pray for effective communication during this last semester of classes. Pray for teachers Curt, Mariela, Rebecca, Daniel, Mary, Sami, & Melanie-Joy."

Pray for the immediate need for a school principal. We solicit your help to spread this need!!



Second Chance School



This school is kindergarten (teacher Lila Traylor) through 12th (directed by Barbara Navarez.) The facilities are located at the Bible Institute, in Tecate, B.C. and offer a complete educational program to many who would not have this opportunity. If you would like to sponsor a child, contact: kenttraylor@yahoo.com

The Nations Come to Us



Missionaries Dan and Debbie Bender feel privileged to work among refugees who have left everything in their homeland and who are now experiencing huge adjustments in language, housing,

food, work opportunities, lack of friends and family, and so much more.

The Benders have a passion to offer friendship, love, hope, encouragement, and Jesus. Sometimes they feel helpless in knowing how to help these people sufficiently; however, the Benders do believe that as they 'sow' there will be reaping, and many of the refugees will become followers of Christ.

Sowing and Reaping Ministries in TMI

The missionaries of TMI have opportunities daily to sow the truths of the Word of God. Some have the responsibility before a congregation, others in a group or in a classroom, some visit individuals in homes, on the street or in other places. Some communicate by youtubes, blogs, TikTok, or other digital forms.

Director Ron Hoffman encourages the missionaries to begin the day in the Lord's presence, with open hearts ready to face the opportunities that lie before them. His challenge includes being ready to be used in every situation.

II Timothy 4:2 *"Preach the Word! Be ready in season and out of season....."*



For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discern-er of the thought and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12 ESV

Messages from TMI Missionaries

Pastor Antonio Díaz and Silvia in Autlán, Jalisco, are encouraged that a new man is attending Start of Bethlehem church as well as men who have expressed a greater interest in studying the Bible at the Rehabilitation Center. Antonio has found as he faithfully teaches, that the hearing and applying of the Word of God changes lives.



Pastor Roberto and Fidalina Gonzales ask for prayer for their protection (they are affected by cartel activity) and for there to be power in the preaching as they faithfully serve two small groups in Mexicalapa area of Chiapas, Mexico.

Missionary Victor López states that last semester he taught a course, Panorama of the Old Testament, virtually to students at IBTMI. (Victor is a graduate of the Institute) Victor is also preparing virtual teaching in Biblical education and theology to be taught to students from local churches in Tehuantepec, Oaxaca, Mexico.

David and Lorena Aguilar, in Comalapa, Chiapas state, “We continue to pray and take into consideration the dangerous situation here, as we share the Word of God. Today we will be visiting a family who does not know the Lord. We continue to evangelize in homes with those who will accept a visit. We continue to pray.”



TMI missionaries Victor & Daniela Estrada are returning to their ministry in Tanzania on April 25, 2024. They have been busy renewing their passports and building their partnership team. If anyone desires to assist in the costs of their return to this needy field of Tanzania, please designate Estrada’s travel.

Rossana Toledo states, “ God put a burden in my heart to share the Gospel with children. My ministry with Child Evangelism Fellowship is to instruct students in class here at the Bible Institute so that they can effectively reach and disciple children and youth for Christ. I also want to emphasize the importance of children in the heart of God. I feel so privileged to be sowing the seed of the Word in my weekly Good News Club.”



As missionaries of TMI, we realize we need to daily prepare our lives individually in order to have an effective ministry. Priscila Chávez shares her challenging testimony of how she diligently memorizes the Word. She finds it to be a comfort, a refuge and a guide in her life. Some chapters which she has memorized are Psalms 1, 5, 15, 25, 34, 100, and 103. She continues on hiding God’s Word in her heart.

Francisco and Priscila Chávez lead the New Jerusalem Church in El Florido (Tijuana, B.C.)

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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Church Building Extension Needed Due to Numerical Growth

Pastor Edgar Velasco of the Puerta de Salvación Church in Oaxaca, Mexico reports continual numerical growth. Three more families were taken into membership this past month. Director Ron Hoffman recently visited the church and met with the board of directors who seem to be sincere in their leadership and responsibilities.

Project:

- Extend the present sanctuary
- Put a new roof on the church plus the addition
- Remove the present roof and erect that over the patio area for multi-purpose use



**Would you like to see the Gospel going forth in this community?
Cost \$48,000.00 Designate # Puerta de Salvación roof #450.7 _____**

***Perhaps you want to give to the general operations of TMI . This
also would be greatly appreciated at this time. G/A #411 _____***