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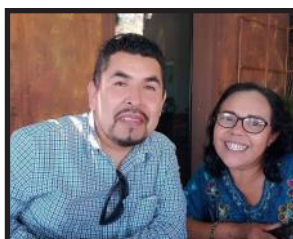
Dear friends and family,

We welcome 2021 as a fresh start with new hopes and dreams, prayers for healing for the nations and our bodies and God's will and purposes to be made complete in us. We truly do not know what this new year holds but we do trust the God that holds it...

Pablo and I have continued being the techies for our church services and something that has grown out of this time of Covid and not being able to be "up close and personal" with our church body is a time of prayer at the end of our service where we come together in one mind and heart to lift up all the people around us in need. Pablo and I feel as though – even though we are not able to "touch" one another physically, through giving those needs to God as a congregational family, we have grown so close and the care for one another has grown to a whole other level.



There have been so many cases of Covid go through our close-knit Ensenada Christian community and our church body. So many people, of all ages have died; pastors and worship leaders in the community... Last week a man in our congregation passed away. Please pray for Rigo's family. This morning the director from one of our rehab centers died. Please pray for Marquitos' family and the rehab center as it goes through this time of loss and transition... As I write, there is a young man in our village whose sister, Laura, lived with us. He is in his 30's. He is married and has three children. He has been in ICU for the last 3 weeks and



yesterday we received news that he

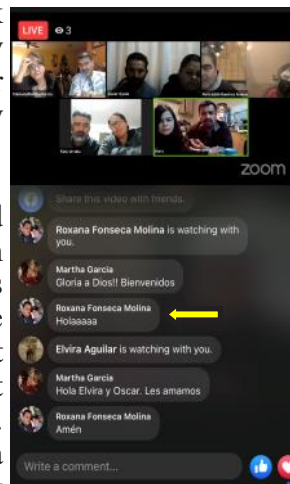
is beginning to show improvement. Please join us in prayer for a miracle for Jose Manuel.

We feel so sad and a bit shaken at times... We are thankful for those that have been sick and recovered and the many that remain healthy.

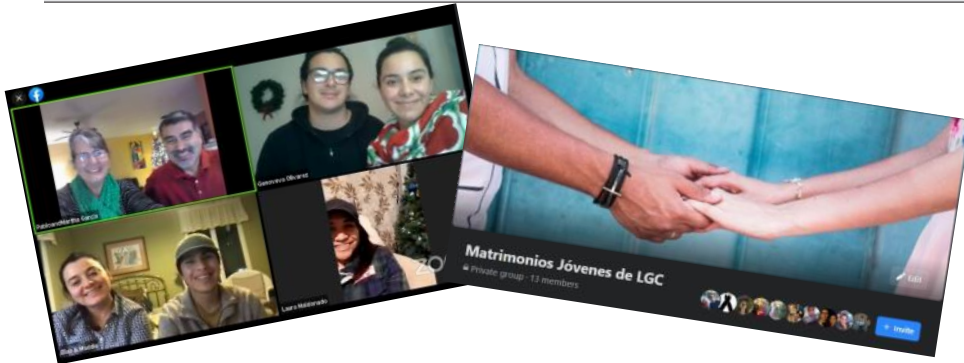


We have been leading a couple's small group for the last four years. All the couples are in their mid-30's and 40's. Two months ago, we began a new study and invited one of the couples that we work with in Cuba to attend. Because we have been meeting through Zoom and posting our zoom meeting "Live" on Facebook simultaneously, we added credit to their phone through an app and then they were able to watch the recording at any time that was convenient for them. We took pictures and sent them the homework that they were to do.

This week on Wednesday we had our second study and...there they were!! They had gotten on "live" with us and were able to comment and be a part of the group. What a sacrifice for them... The class started at 7:30 which was 10:30 in Cuba! Aside from being an amazing time as couples where we work through issues and have great discussion, it was a double blessing to be able to interact with them and minister to their marriage while also giving them tools for their ministry. **Yay God! Yay technology!!**



Having seen the growth in our first marriage group, we have had it on our hearts to open one for young marrieds in their 20's and early 30's! This coming week we will have our second meeting with them! We're



super excited to be able to work with them in their first years of marriage where they are making big decisions and developing habits.

**A Prayer for the New Year (Author Unknown)**

**Come, Holy Spirit,**  
 Spirit of the Risen Christ, be with us today and always.  
 Be our Light, our Guide, and our Comforter.  
 Be our Strength, our Courage, and our Sanctifier.  
 May this new year be a time of deep spiritual growth for us,  
 A time of welcoming your graces and gifts,  
 A time for forgiving freely and unconditionally,  
 A time for growing in virtue and goodness.  
**Come, Holy Spirit,**  
 Be with us today and always. Amen.



Each year in the past we have taken a group to Colonet for a Christmas program, a feast and a blessing of gifts for the indigenous children in the hot-meal program there. This year things were different. Because of Covid, we couldn't all be together. Pablo, two of our youth and the Ramlo's from Taft Avenue Community church traveled down and made a very special delivery! The following Saturday, the leaders there held the party for the children.

Thank you from the depths of our hearts for standing with us in 2020. Trusting God for 2021.  
 Blessings to you all.



The Colonet Children's Special Delivery Team!

