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Dear friends and family,

We thank God for your lives, for your prayers and support. We send greetings and love from Mexico! Today I was reading and came across this quote that really sums up the sentiment that we have been experiencing. "Life at its essence boils down to one day at a time. Today is the day!" - Jim Stovall

As you may know, in January Pablo was taken into surgery after having a TIA (temporary, mini-stroke). He had a 90% blockage in his carotid artery and they went in and cleaned it all out! God has provided miraculously in every way and he is 5 weeks into his recovery and doing well! Thank you so much for your prayers and phone calls, texts and visits while he was in the hospital and following! We thank God for today and for health!



There are three young men in our congregation that have been joining us for meals for several months now. We mentioned them at the end of our September newsletter. Two of the young men are brothers – 17 and 14.



Their mother is in jail and dad has a new family in another part of the city.

Before being arrested, their mother was deeply involved in "Our Lady of Death" cult. The atmosphere was very dark in the home and especially the older boy was very affected by the open worship of the idol of Santa Muerte and rituals that were performed. Mom has been in jail over a year now. While in jail she has come

to Jesus and her phone calls to the boys are now full of hope for the future.



It will still be a while until she is released. In the meantime, they have suffered

not having a parent in the home, at times not being able to pay for electricity... not having enough money for groceries...losing weight and feeling insecure. Two families that have been to our house in the last months have met the boys and given grocery money for their needs... Pastor Ruben bought them school uniforms at the beginning of this year and paid for their education costs. Their father helps on and off with costs for transportation, food and housing needs BUT there are huge gaps – so our home has become a safe place to come to after school each day to eat a meal, have great conversation, receive hugs, love and security and to do homework... Please pray for these boys. The younger one hangs out all the time with us, and is a sympathizer to the gospel but is uncertain and resistant about what he believes. The older brother has some mental health issues and is more challenging... He loves Jesus – but struggles deeply. Pray for B and E.



The third young man, M, lives close to our house and has been a part of our youth group for the last couple of years. His mother works and arrives home late, and is not there for the majority of the time that he is at home. He is in his last year of vocational-technical studies. He will graduate high school with a Certificate in Refrigeration. He does not have a father at home and little by little he has gravitated to our house! He also comes daily for lunch and to do his homework.

All three of these young men tag along with Pablo during all of the work and service projects that are done. They are his three right hands! They are learning to love and serve others while learning how to pour a cement floor for a family less fortunate than them, how to roof a house, how to gut out a house that burnt down – getting it ready for a group to come and rebuild...



During the youth meeting last Saturday Pablo was teaching on being a “generous disciple of Jesus.” They shared that working in the community has taught them to pour their lives into

other people’s needs; being there for people – and by their actions, living out Jesus – doing it with joy – not expecting anything in return! “...Today is the day!”

On March 10-13 a small group of skilled men are coming down to help rebuild a house that was built a few years back for Jorge and Lucy, both disabled, and their two toddlers. In mid October, Lucy, who is blind, and her two children were in the house. She was doing chores while the children played...the television on... A spark and the house was up in flames. Lucy’s sister in law saw the flames and came running, rescuing them all. But half of the house was destroyed. It has since been gutted, supports installed and a second story put on. The men coming and some of the youth and men from our church are going to install electricity and plumbing, install windows, doors and roofing paper. Lord willing, they will be able to build room divisions also. This last weekend furniture and kitchen supplies were brought down! God is providing! \$1,500.00 is needed for this project and if you would like to help financially, let us know!



- For Pablo’s continued recovery. He is “biting at the bit” to get his hands dirty again and he has a long time to go with physical limitations on lifting, exertion...



On a personal note:

Our son Benjamin and his wife Jeanelle had their second baby on December 17th. Oliver weighed in at 9 lbs 2 oz and measured 21 inches! He is beautiful and we are so blessed to welcome him into our family! Grandbabies are the BEST!



Please pray:

- For the three young men who share our table and our lives!
- For Jorge, Lucy and their children as they await God’s provision of a solid, warm house!
- For the men’s group and our youth as Pablo has begun teaching again after recovery from surgery. (We thank God for Hector who has stepped in and taken over during the time we were out).



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