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MISSIONARIES TO MÉRIDA, MEXICO

Dear Prayer Partners,

February/March 2019

Thank you so much for continuing to pray for our family and ministry. These past two months have been very exciting! 51 people accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior and 22 were baptized. One baptism service was rather different. This past year, one of our seminary students felt the Lord was leading him to start a jail ministry. He has faithfully gone to the local prison every other week to share the gospel and disciple those who have made professions of faith. It took quite awhile for us to get permission to baptize – the authorities couldn't understand why we would need a "pool of water" to baptize and why we couldn't just use a cup of water; but with much prayer and perseverance on his part, he was able to get permission for us to baptize 4 of the inmates by immersion. It was a special privilege for me to be able to baptize these new believers.

In February, some friends from our sending church came for a visit. They led a conference on prayer and a workshop on creative evangelism. What a blessing their visit was! We have seen significant growth in both our weekly prayer service and door to door evangelism efforts over this past year and this conference helped to further grow both areas of ministry.

February and March were our mission's emphasis months in our four churches. We were thrilled to see each of the 4 churches faithfully meeting their commitments from last year and making an even larger financial commitment to world-wide missions this year. We also took a huge step in the area of missions in March – the North Merida Baptist Church "adopted" a Mexican missionary family that was in need of a sending church. Brother Mares pastored for 13 years in Mexico before surrendering his life to foreign missions in 2003. He and his family have served these past 16 years in Argentina and have started 4 churches and a Bible Institute. The economy has gotten really difficult there and his current level of support will no longer cover his expenses. He will be travelling over the next several months to raise additional support to be able to return to South America to continue planting churches and training future pastors and missionaries. His young adult children will be staying here in Merida most of the year and getting involved in our ministries.

Once again we want to thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support that enables us to continue expanding the missionary work South of the border – and now even further south! Please pray for our upcoming ladies retreat, VBS's, and youth camp.

God bless each of you,

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