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Dear Prayer Partners,

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We pray you are all doing well and enjoying some fall weather. We feel honored to be able to share with you how God is answering prayers here in the Yucatan. Over these past two months there have been 44 saved, 7 of which were at the youth camp. There were 9 who followed the Lord in Believer's baptism at the North Merida Baptist Church, plus several more at the other 3 churches. We were able to celebrate 2 big firsts during the month of August. We sent out our first team on a mission trip. It was a life-changing experience for the 5 who went to Cuba to help host a VBS and evangelism conference. We also had our first day of classes in our new Christian school, in which we have 24 students enrolled from 4k – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. A mission team from our sending church was here to celebrate our 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary with us in September and our Bible college is also now in full swing with 42 students, which is the highest enrollment we've ever had. Praise the Lord for HIS amazing blessings!

The most urgent prayer request we have currently is that of the new construction project for the North Merida Baptist church, where we need your help. As you know, we currently have 3 services each Sunday just to be able to seat everyone – and all 3 services are quickly filling up. As we have already shared with you, the Lord has opened the doors in miraculous ways for us to build. A member of the church has donated about an acre of land that is in the middle of the new growth of our city where the city planning maps project to build 1000's of new homes over the next several years. The building permit process is moving along better than expected and we are now moving into the fund-raising phase. Over the past several years, our Network of churches has been able to save up \$300,000 US dollars to put towards this new project – which is phenomenal, but still not enough to meet the need. The North Merida Baptist members are already making weekly donations and our Christmas offering will go for this project this year. We need \$900,000 dollars to complete the first phase, and then another \$900,000 to finish it out completely. We have a state-side church who has committed to match a dollar for every dollar given up to \$100,000. God is so good!!! Can you please pray about helping us with this much needed new facility? We need to have the first half raised as soon as possible because we will have a limited time to complete the first phase once the permission is given. I have sent a detailed video that explains everything, including pictures, floor plans, a drone video of the actual location and the present construction around the new area. Please take time to view the video and prayerfully consider helping us with this great need. If you have any questions, you can contact me at <a href="mailto:larryallred@usa.net">larryallred@usa.net</a>. We can also set up a phone conversation at your convenience. All donations can be given through our BBFI Missions Board just like our monthly support, just specify that the money is for the "Building Fund". Thank you again for your prayerful consideration to help in this need.

God Bless Each of You,

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