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MÉRIDA, MEXICO



May/June 2025:

Dear church and friends,

Greetings from Mérida! We are excited to share with you the many things that have been going on in the ministry here over the past few months!

On May 22nd, we had our seminary graduation. Two students graduated with their Bachelor's Degrees in Biblical Studies. Several others were recognized for reaching milestones in their academic program. Right now, we have several new students filling out enrollment forms as we prepare to start another school year next month. It's always a relief to make it to summer break, but by the time August rolls around, we're itching to get back to classes!

In the meantime, all four churches will be doing Vacation Bible Schools and Youth Camp. These will all take place over the next few weeks. Please be praying for every child, young person, leader, and teacher involved in these events. Every year, we see children, youth, and their families come to know the Lord and commit to follow Him more faithfully through these activities. Please pray for much fruit again this year!

In June, Ciudad Caucel Baptist Church celebrated its 10th anniversary. It hardly seems possible that ten years have gone by already! Pastor Erick Rico is doing a great job leading the church. They have grown to over 100 people, they are financially self-sustaining, their church building is paid for and they are paying their own pastor, there is excitement and unity amongst the members, they have vibrant children and youth ministries, the adults are involved and active, a few of the members are already studying in the seminary, and four more are enrolling this year.

Pastor José Yam continues to lead the San José Tzal Baptist Church. Their members are also growing and excited. They do regular outreach events in the villages surrounding San José Tzal and have started home Bible studies in several of those villages.

South Mérida Baptist Church is doing great! We have 35-40 in attendance on Sundays. In addition to our leadership team, we have had five other church members going out with us every Saturday to evangelize. A few weeks ago, Santiago got baptized. After his baptism, Emilio recognized his need to get baptized as well. So, we baptized him the following week. After his baptism, two others who had been coming to church for only a few weeks told us they wanted to get baptized too! One small group has finished the first two discipleship classes: "Membership" and "Evangelism." Another group just finished their "Membership" class last Sunday and will be starting "Evangelism" classes next week.

Please continue to pray for the North Mérida Baptist Church's building project. I hope to share some exciting news with you soon about that!

The Mares family, our missionaries in Argentina, have been working on a new project called the "7/20 Project." Their goal is to plant 7 new churches in 20 years in cities along the southern tip of Argentina. They recently left the first church plant in the hands of their son-in-law and have moved to start the second church. Please pray for them as they continue to work in the "uttermost part of the earth."

Thank you for your moral, prayer, and financial support! May the Lord bless you and prosper the work of your hands as we labor together in the fields!

Yours in Christ,
Joshua, Amanda, & the kids