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MÉRIDA, MEXICO



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Dear church and friends,

We have BIG news to share: We have finally started construction of the new building for the North Mérida Baptist Church! We applied for building permits in February, 2023. After more than two and a half frustrating years of going back and forth with the local government, doing study after study, making changes to blueprints, haggling over roads and protected trees, etc., we finally have all the permits we need to start building! The permits are only good for a certain amount of time before they expire, so we got to work as soon as we had the papers in hand.

We officially broke ground on July 26th. We have already cleared the land and are in the process of digging into the rock to lay the foundation. Even though we are just getting started on the building, we have already harvested our first fruits from the new property. Two of the engineers supervising the project are faithful church members. Every morning, they start the work day with devotions and prayer. They have already won one of the workers to the Lord. This Sunday, the worker came to church for the first time and brought his wife!

We need your help to complete this project. This is by far the biggest financial challenge we have ever faced in our ministry. We recognize that this task is well beyond our means or ability to achieve in our own power with our own resources, but we are moving forward in faith, trusting that the Lord will provide all the funds we will need to finish. We have been saving money, our church members have been giving sacrificially, and several of you have already given towards this project. Thank you! We have about 30% of the funds we need to finish the building. We are already using that money to get started. We need to raise the rest of the funds quickly so we can finish building before the permits expire. We will need your help to make it to the finish line.

My parents, Larry and Tammy Allred (also BBFI missionaries), are travelling in the U.S. right now. We are carrying on the work here while they visit their supporting churches and raise funds for the building project. Here are three ways you can help us get this building project done:

- 1) Please pray for the work. Pray for the Lord to provide all the funds needed to complete the project. Pray for the safety of the workers and for more of them to get saved. Pray for the Lord to protect us from opposition and from anyone who might try to hinder the work. Pray for the completion of the project.
- 2) If you would like to give towards this project, please send any contributions to the BBFI Mission Office the same way you send your support. In the memo line, specify that your contribution is for the new building project.
- 3) If you would like my parents to visit your church while they are travelling and share the project with you in person, they would be happy to add you to their schedule. Please let us know if you would be interested in having them.

We are blessed to have you as partners in ministry. Asking for money is always humbling, but we bring this need to you confidently because we know we are serving together for the common cause of the Gospel. Thank you for working alongside us over the years. We greatly appreciate anything you can do to help us reach our goal and complete this project! May the Lord continue to bless you as we strive together for His Kingdom's sake!

Yours in Christ,
Joshua, Amanda, & the kids