

JOSHUA & AMANDA ALLRED

MÉRIDA, MEXICO



September/October 2025:

Dear church and friends,

The construction of the new church building is moving along! The footers have been poured for the steel structure and the foundation for the concrete has been laid. We now have over $\frac{1}{3}$ of the money needed to finish the project, but we are a long way from the finish line. Anything you can do to help us finish funding this project would be greatly appreciated! My parents, Larry and Tammy Allred, are still traveling in the U.S. Their calendar is filling up. If you would like to have them present this project to your church in person, please let us know. Please continue to pray for the completion of this building and for the ministries it will house for many years to come.

The work at South Mérida Baptist Church has been moving along as well. A few new families began attending in September and October and have started taking discipleship classes. In September, we finished canvassing the neighborhood of "San José." We went street by street, knocking on every door, inviting people to church, and sharing the Gospel with every person who would listen. According to government census statistics, there are 3,706 households in that neighborhood and 10,686 total residents. We knocked on every door and were able to share the Gospel directly with 286 people. 59 of those people made a profession of faith and prayed to receive Christ as Savior. We hope that each one of these prayers was sincere. Please pray with us for those who got saved to take the next step and start coming to church faithfully. Please pray for those who did not get saved, but who did receive a Gospel tract and an invitation to church, that the seeds we planted would bear future fruit. We have started evangelizing the next neighborhood, called "Canto." Please pray for many to get saved as we share the Gospel there.

Last weekend, I had the opportunity to officiate a wedding for two young members of the North Mérida Baptist Church. They both got saved and started attending church recently. Their lives have changed dramatically and they wanted to use their wedding as an opportunity for their unsaved friends and family to hear the Gospel. Before the ceremony started, the groom's father told me he had never been to a Christian wedding before and was excited to see what it was all about. Praise the Lord, he and approximately eighty unsaved friends and relatives got to hear a clear presentation of the Gospel that night. Please pray for each person who was there, that the Gospel message they heard and the testimony of this young Christian couple would draw them to Christ.

This week, nine members of the North Mérida Baptist Church are visiting a missionary we support in Uruguay. Please pray that they would be a blessing to our missionary family this week and that the Lord would use this trip to give each of them a deeper love and broader vision for world missions.

This weekend, men from all four of our churches will be gathering for our annual men's retreat. We will spend three days together studying God's Word, singing, praying, playing games, eating, sleeping, and enjoying fellowship with one another. Pray that it would be a time of growth, edification, and bonding and that all of our churches would be strengthened by it.

Thank you for your constant prayers, support, and encouragement! We are blessed to have ministry partners like you!

Yours in Christ,
Joshua, Amanda, & the kids