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Dear Pastor and Church,

We have come to the end of the year, and in spite of the hard times, we can truly say that God has been so good to us! These last three months have been marked by God's hand leading us as we work in this small town of Felipe Carrillo Puerto. Before sharing just a fraction of what God has done these last few months, I wanted to first thank every pastor and church member who has supported us. Like Paul said, "*Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.*"



October brought with it its share of difficulties, but it also held many blessings. I was able to fly up to a missions conference in Rhome, Texas, to a church started by a fellow graduate of Norris Bible Baptist Seminary. Although my wife is not able to go yet to the U.S., I was moved by their thoughtfulness toward her and the gifts they sent her. In October, we also started planning for the ministry we desired to start in November. We found a small place to hold the meetings and fixed it up as well as we could. During October, we were also invited to preach at a youth meeting in Mérida, Yucatán. A young lady was saved that night! We also made many new ministerial friends while being there.

In November, the Lord allowed us to start a ministry in the town of Felipe Carrillo Puerto. It is a story too long to tell in one page, but the Lord led us to start an outreach to those in addictions. Through this ministry, as we gather a group, we want to officially organize it into a church. The first meeting we tried to have showed me that it is not me who will do the work, but the Lord. The first meeting had only two visitors (not including brethren who went to help). One of those visitors was someone I had invited; the other was brought



by a helper. In my flesh, it was a little disappointing to see the "small" turnout, but I quickly realized that the Lord was the one doing the work because little is much when God is in it. In November, on our third meeting, we had a larger group of about six visitors, two of them being ladies looking for a church. That night, the Lord allowed us to see four professions of faith. All of them with different stories, different hurts, but now with the same Lord. One of them has been doing drugs and drinking since he was eight years old. His world is in such darkness, but now he has been saved and is still visiting with us. We also were able to help at a missions conference in Chunhub, where we had worked before. Pastor Octavio was able to invite Missionary Daniel Jones to come down and preach the conference. The church saw a promise of double what they had promised the year before!



In December, the Lord allowed us to continue our meetings, where we have been slowly working with the different people visiting us. We had our last meeting of the year and were able to have some fellowship and pizza with them! We are excited to see what God is going to do next year. Pray for us as we work with this ministry and also for my wife's paperwork. We have sent everything in, and we are waiting for the lawyers to request the family petition.



Prayer Request
 -Mishel's Immigration Process
 -Discipleship of New Converts
 -Salvation of Visitors

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