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Dear Pastor and Church,

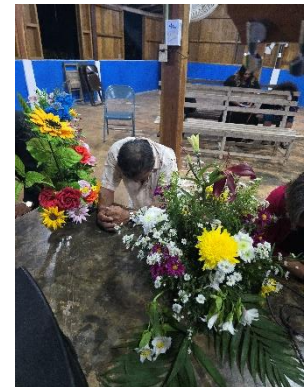
Happy New Year! This year has gone by so fast, and through it all, the Lord has proven always to be good. These last few months have had some beautiful moments along with some difficult moments, each one of them bringing us closer and closer to the Lord.

As many of you already knew, in November, the greatest event in my life, outside of salvation, took place: I got married! We had a beautiful wedding with many friends and family showing up. After the wedding, my wife and I went to Peru for our honeymoon. We had a blast! We got to see a completely different country, try great food, and best of all, we made some great friends in a local Baptist church in Lima. Our taxi driver that took us on a tour of the city was also very curious about salvation and I was able to witness to him several times, though he didn't make a confession of faith, but the seed was certainly planted! After we got back to Mexico, we had a great couples retreat that the clinic hosts every year. It was a blessing to many of the couples who were primarily pastors and pastor's wives.



Once November came to an end, we started to try to settle down into our new life as newlyweds. We are still getting used to life as a married couple and being involved with the ministry. We have had a great time seeing what the Lord is slowly doing in the lives of the people here in Mexico. At the end of November, beginning of December, the church I work with had their missions conference, and something amazing happened during those services. On Saturday night of the conference, an older gentleman walked into

the service. His name is Don Godoy. He is the husband of one of the faithful ladies that attends the church. The reason this was amazing was because in the 15 years of the life of this church, he had never stepped foot in it. He always told the previous and current pastor he would go, but never did. Since he went that night, he has barely missed a service. He has been a Catholic his whole life, so this is all new to him, but we are working with him and want to see him trust fully in Christ for salvation. In December, my wife and I were able to lead a young lady to the Lord while out soul-winning!



Some of you were aware that on December 17th, while my parents were working in Mexico, my mom began feeling unwell. That morning, my wife and I were in Playa del Carmen visiting a pastor friend when my dad called, concerned that mom was acting strangely and speaking incoherently. He rushed her to the hospital, where she convulsed on the way. Initially, doctors suspected a stroke or brain aneurysm, but a brain scan in Playa del Carmen ruled those out. She was later diagnosed with viral encephalitis. After a few days in the hospital, she was released and is now recovering well. This was definitely the hardest experience I've faced, but it reminded me that God is always in control. Thank you for your prayers—my parents are now back in Texas, and mom is doing much better. All glory to God!

I was not able to get pictures done of me and my wife for the new design of the prayer letter because of mom getting sick, so I will be working on that for the next letter that comes out. I will also soon begin the process of getting my wife's residency and eventually her U.S. citizenship. Please help us pray that this process will be a smooth and fast process!

Praises:

- For getting married
- For God's protection of Mom
- The salvation of the young lady

Prayer Requests:

- For Mishel's US paperwork
- God's wisdom to prepare men of the church
- Salvation of Don Godoy

