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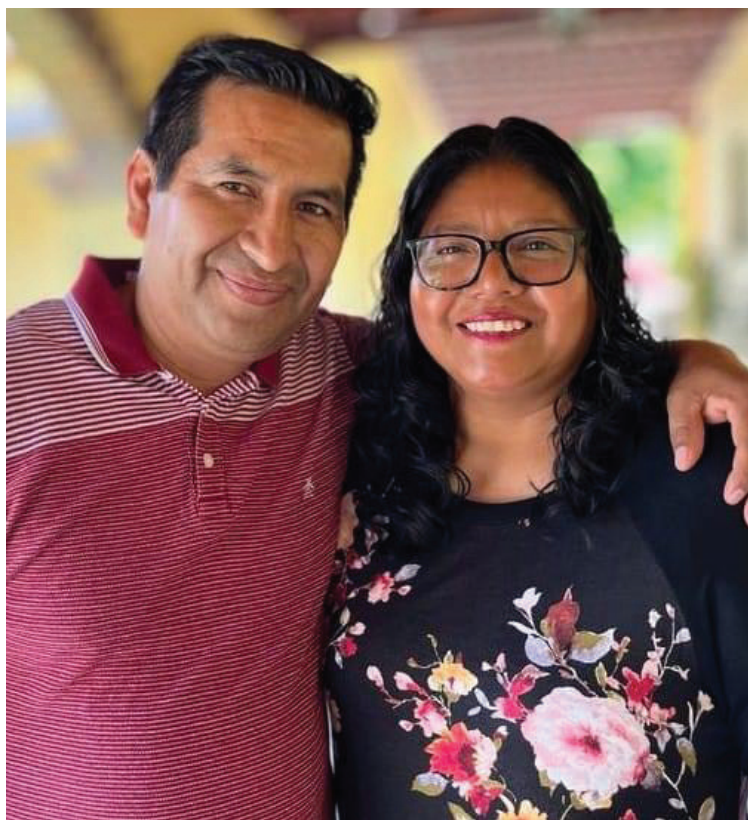
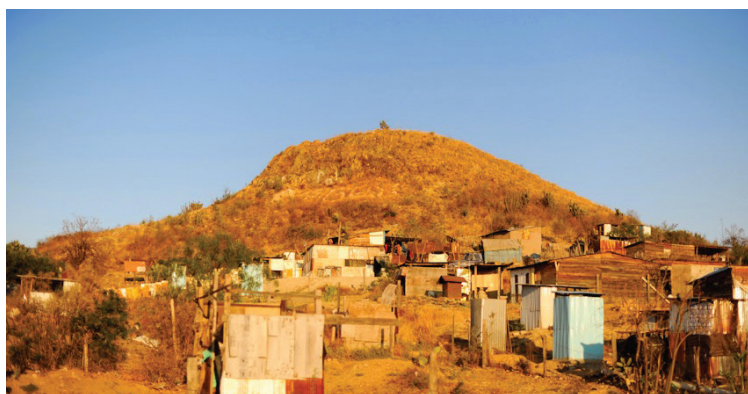
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WHAT IS PROJECT 811?

The state of Oaxaca is a one of the most southern states in Mexico. It's very mountainous within the exception of the central valley, which is highly populated. Its southern border is met by the Pacific Ocean and filled with miles of undeveloped coastline. It's the second poorest state in the country; sixty percent lack access to basic services such as electricity and water, twenty-five percent of the state is illiterate, and over 80,000 have never heard the gospel and even more reside in towns that have no established Christian church. It is a unique place divided into separate regions with different ethnic groups and languages. There are over 150 different dialects spoken and for many Spanish is their second language.

Oaxaca is a place of great need and ministry opportunity for FFHM due to the number of unreached people groups. To reach this part of Mexico with the Gospel, Yadira and Esteban Valadez, the Area Directors of Outreach, have developed a strategy we are calling "Project 811." We want to have at least one missionary, in each of the eight regions, with one purpose – to make disciples of Jesus Christ. We currently have missionaries in four of the eight regions but plan to cover all eight by 2025. We partner with those in these mountain communities that are already doing the work of a missionary there. FFHM's hope is to come alongside of them with resources and support since they are the people who understand the unique culture and speak the local dialect. Our missionaries are true heroes of the faith and their commitment to the gospel is remarkable.



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On these pages you will find a snapshot of the work each missionary is doing in Oaxaca.



Maria Villa Pablo:

Maria has served faithfully with FFHM for many years, ministering to local mountain communities, one of them being the most violent in the state of Oaxaca. She also oversees a Christian radio station which shares the love of God to many unreached areas in their specific dialect.

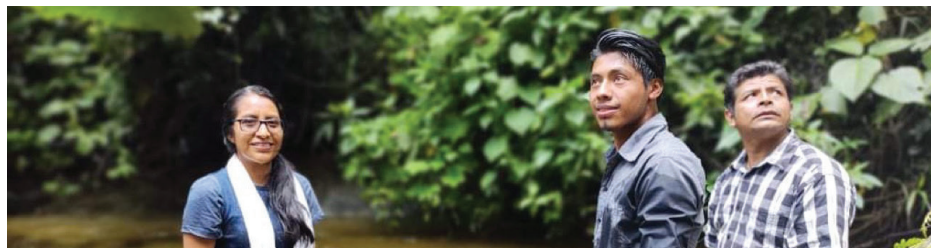
Manuel and Glenda Cruz and Tere Rodríguez:

This team operates a learning center serving neighborhood children who are unable to attend the local public school due to learning and behavioral challenges. Their mission is to prepare these kids for reintegration into a local school. Most importantly, they share the love of Jesus with them and their families throughout this process. Through these efforts, a local church has been born with some of the families we are serving there.



**Mabel Ramos:**

In the Sierra Norte, Mabel travels on foot between remote mountain communities. Oftentimes she walks up to six hours one way to reach areas that have never heard the gospel. She faces many dangers along the way – like pumas and vipers – and remains faithful to the call on her life. She also has faced persecution and death threats for discipling the few believers who have been raised up in this area.

**Carlos Lopez:**

In the coastal region, Carlos works with local people, teaching English classes as an avenue to share the Gospel. Since he is in the tourist town of Huatulco many are interested in learning English. This is a much needed skill for gaining better employment so that they can provide for their families. He also helps to strengthen struggling churches in this area so they can grow in their evangelistic efforts.

**Pablo Mendez:**

Pablo serves in the central valleys, which is the region where the mission is located. Multiple times a week he is ministering to those in the state prison. He leads worship services and disciples new believers there. Due to his excellent work and the life change that is seen in the prisoners he is the only pastor that has access to different areas of the prison, such as the psychiatric unit and the maximum-security area.



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