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Dreams for Oaxaca

Two years ago I sat down with Yadira and Esteban, the supervisors of mountain outreach in Oaxaca. I asked them what their dream for this area is and Yadira responded that she would like to see us supporting a missionary in all eight of the regions of Oaxaca. Her response took my breath away because I had felt like God gave me the same vision and I had been praying about how to convince them to take this project on. Since then I have known without a doubt that this is the direction God has for us in Oaxaca.

Esteban and Yadira put together an amazing 14 page report with statistics that show the great need for the Gospel in Oaxaca. I would be happy to share this with anyone who is interested.

But for the sake of space I want to highlight a few of those statistics:

- The state of Oaxaca has 2.6 million indigenous people, which is the highest concentration in Mexico.
- Of those indigenous people, 1,205,886 million speak an indigenous language.

- The average level of schooling for the indigenous population is up to 5th grade.
- There are at least 21 communities in Oaxaca that have never heard about Jesus. There are many more who do not have an existing church or a Bible in their language.

We currently have five missionaries who cover two of the eight regions. You can read more about them in the next pages. Over the next five vears our dream is to add more missionaries so that we are covering every region and saturating the state of Oaxaca with the Gospel.

Janelle Keller

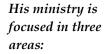
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Modesto Velasco Yescas

He was born and raised in a community named Las Cuevas, which is in the municipality of Santiago Amoltepec, in the Sierra Sur region. The people in these towns speak Mixteco.

The government considers this one of the most violent towns in the state of Oaxaca. It is also extremely poor because of how far it is from the capital city.



- 1. Evangelism
- 2. Bible teaching through discipleship
- 3. Pastoring caring for this brothers and sisters of the churches in different towns

His ministry is carried out in these towns:

- 1. El Cocal (3 hours away walking)
- 2. El Laurel (1 ½ hours away walking)
- 3. Llano Nuevo (4 hours away walking)
- 4. Las Cuevas (the town where he lives)

Every small church in these towns has specific needs, but in all of the churches in this region, the most pressing need is that the brothers and sisters, even though there are just a few in each town, are founded in the principles of the Word of God and as the Apostle Paul said, that they will be prepared to give a defense for their hope, not only in word, but also, in their behavior.

How can you pray for this ministry?

- · That the Gospel will continue being preached in the towns where there is still no church.
- ·For the protection of God for Modesto while he walks from one town to the other.
- ·That the churches will be able to grow, not only in number, but also in the depth and understanding of spiritual truths.





Manuel and Glenda

Ministry Focus:

· Education · Nutrition · Church

They serve in the Mixteca region in the town of Huajuapan de Leon. They carry out their ministry in an area that lacks basic services like drinkable water and drainage. Around 70 families live in this place and the majority of them are underresourced. Their housing is made out of reed and sheet metal. The adults didn't have the opportunity to get an education.

This same story is repeated with the children. Many don't go to any kind of school, some because they don't have birth certificates, others because their parents don't send them, and others because they are expelled from the school because of bad behavior or because they have learning disabilities.

Education:

Four days out of the week, from 9:00 in the morning until 1:00 in the afternoon, around 30 to 35 children attend for a preschool, elementary, and junior high education.

Manuel helps out the children in the elementary and junior high. They are registered in a government program so that they are able to have official certification.

Glenda helps out with the preschool and with her two children, because even though they are little, one is in the preschool and one has special needs.

Nutrition:

Every morning when the children come for school, the first thing they do is a devotional. They are taught Biblical principles. We are convinced that only God and his word is able to change the history of each one of them.

After the devotional, the children get breakfast. The majority of them have problems with malnutrition and we consider this a health problem. It also affects their ability to learn. Thanks to God, these children are able to have a good meal every day. Many of them are abandoned all day because their parents have to work and are gone from sunrise until the end of the day.

Church:

They pastor a church called Rock of Salvation. The church was born out of the work with the children, who are fed and educated. When they began the services there were only children, but little by little, the same children began to bring their parents to the church.

Currently there are two study groups in different areas of Huajuapan, where people are discipled in Biblical doctrine. Thanks to God the church is growing. They gather every Sunday for a time of worship and there are almost 50 adults.

The place were they meet is rented and it is where Manuel and Glenda currently live.



Teresa Tello Rodriguez

Ministry activities:

- ·Teacher's assistant in the preschool group
- · Art teacher
- · Literacy teacher

Her ministry is currently being carried out in Huajuapan de Leon together with our missionaries Manuel and Glenda.



Maria de Jesus Villa Pablo

Region: Mixteca Area: Juxtlahuaca and Coicoyan

Ministry focus:Evangelism/Discipleship/Radio Assistance through social work

• Evangelism – To be the point of the arrow to enter the places with difficult access take the Good News (Evangelism is one of her passions).

We are working in evangelism with children and women in the Coicoyan region. We are visiting three towns: Los Angeles, Lazaro Cardenas, and Llano Encino Amarillo. In every town we have biblical classes with the children and the women who arrive to hear the good news.

- · **Discipleship** To strengthen the faith of the new believers through Bible studies in homes or in public places. The majority of this ministry is carried out with new people in the faith who come to the church in Juxtlahuaca.
- Radio To collaborate on the radio as a programmer. Through this they transmit a great diversity of programs directed to people of different ages with a focus on the restoration of individuals and families. Believers and non-believers have been impacted deeply and radically.

· Social work

They identify the most vulnerable in regards to health, nutrition, or some other lack and offer support. They hand out basic groceries, or in the case of health issues, look for people within the congregation who are able to help these people.

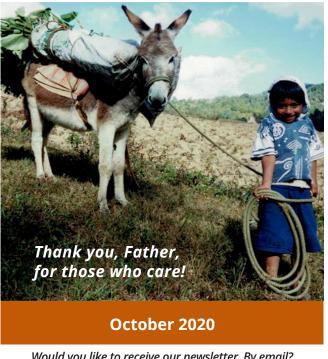
· Administration -

She helps out in the administrative area of the church Family Christian Center of Abundant Grace.



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