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# Foundation For HIS MINISTRY

## Bringing Hope and Support to a Lost Place

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**I**n our constant travels to the mountains in our state of Oaxaca, we have recognized two significant needs that the majority of the pastors have: the lack of Biblical training and support in their ministry.

The best way to help them that we have found is to carry out conferences exclusively for pastors serving in the mountains and to carry these out locally so we are near their communities. Last February, we were privileged to carry out two of these conferences, and we were again surprised by how many people attended.

Our first conference site was in Juxtlahuaca. There were not only pastors from Juxtlahuaca and the surrounding areas but also pastors from the mountains of the state of Guerrero. Some traveled the day before for 6 hours to arrive on time. We asked them – what made you come so far? Their answers were the quality of the teaching, how we teach practical things, and how easy it is to understand.

The second site was in Huajuapán. We had many more pastors come than we expected. We had planned for 120, and more than 200 came!

Of the pastors who attend the conferences every year, only 10% have had the opportunity to study in a Bible Institute, and 35% have been trained through a correspondence course. That means that more than 50% have not had the opportunity to be formed in a Bible school, but they have a clear call from God and many have been faithfully serving the Lord for years in their communities, extending the kingdom of God to the ends of the earth.



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Most of them live in communities far from the big cities, and they don't have access to the internet, or if they have it, the service is very limited, so this is one of the only opportunities for formal training. The majority of the pastors that attend our conferences travel between 2 and 8 hours to be able to come to the site.

For these reasons, we feel so strongly the call of God to serve and help them with all the resources that we can. They have given their lives in the extensión of the gospel. We want to put tools in their hands that they need to continue reaching those who don't know Christ yet.

We pray that every seed planted in the hearts of the pastors will be multiplied by 30, 60, and 100 times. We are so grateful to the donors who make this event possible.



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# Creating An Oasis for Weary Hearts

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Ernesto is a pastor who graduated from the Bible Institute in Baja. He is from Tijuana and went to serve in Oaxaca. He is a pastor in San Felipe Tindaco, in the Mixteca region. He and his wife were invited to the conferences in Huajuapán. In some towns in Oaxaca, it is customary for the town authorities to force the men to serve for free for a year. Because he is currently serving in the town, he had to seek permission from the town authorities to attend the conference, and unfortunately, they said no. This crushed Ernesto, but he continued praying until finally, they gave him permission, but his wife would have to stay behind.

Ernesto arrived at the conference discouraged. Things had not been good for him lately. Being obligated to serve in the town without a salary is difficult as he also has a wife and a son. He grows corn and beans to sustain them and works in the church. It is a lot of work that exhausts him.

But his testimony was that God began to speak to his heart as he sat in the conference and listened to the teaching. When the meetings were over, he was encouraged again and anxious to return to this town. Days later, with new spirits, he started doing house calls to families again, and his wife began supporting him by sharing the word.

Another testimony is of a married couple from the



mountains. They are an older couple who have passed through many difficulties in their community because of their faith. When they were at the conference, other pastors embraced them, and they were also encouraged. The meetings were a refreshment for this couple, and they were encouraged to continue forward and to remain firm despite their battles. They were so happy and grateful they had been invited. My wife spoke to them weeks later, and they were very content and encouraged. They had also been able to visit families in their community and encourage them to continue forward.

It is worth investing in these conferences for the pastors. We often have no idea what they live through in their communities and the challenges they confront. But in the conferences, they find a place of rest where God encourages them not to grow weary and to look for support from their neighboring pastors so they understand they are not alone in the battles as they sow the word of God.

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