

## Looking back on the year 2023

### I. Gratitude

Hello my coworkers in the Lord, I greet you all in the name of our glorious Lord and Savior, offering my gratitude.

At the beginning of each new year, I make a solemn promise to love the Lord even more fervently and to focus on the works He has entrusted to me. However, it feels like we are approaching November almost the end of the year before I can fulfill the plans I had. Despite that, I consider myself blessed to have many reasons for gratitude through a missionary's life. I would like to express my deep thanks to the precious fellow workers who have supported me through faith, prayers, and financial support. The mission is a path that cannot be walked alone, so I am very grateful for the invaluable service of faithful co-workers who, in faith, join hands in prayer to our Heavenly Father in unseen places, interceding for our needs and protection. We also find joy in sharing the work of God's kingdom, accomplished through devoted offerings.

Therefore, I believe that in the presence of our Heavenly Father, we all should be offering only gratitude and praises, confessing that our lives were through a pure "grace", even our obedience to Him.

### II. Ministries in 2023

Thanks to the strong partnership we had in this year, it feels like I was able to carry out various ministries in 2023, giving thanks and glory to our Lord. It was a year of blessings, leading and establishing a new family in faith, helping them to live as disciples of Christ. It was a joy to collaborate with some local churches to minister to the youth. And as time goes on, through grace faith communities continue to grow in remote and farther Huichol indigenous villages as the Gospel expanded.

In one of the villages, Santa Barbara nestled in the deep mountains, nine families have been gathering for worship at each family's house. We look forward to the construction of a church building where they can worship together any time. We believe that God will grant the blessing of buying the land and fulfilling our hope. We are thankful for our Indigenous brothers and sisters who live by faith, making bricks for the church building with faith and anticipation. At the same time, although we may not fully understand it now, the fact that some of our brothers and sisters have gone back home to be with the Lord ahead of us in these recent years is a reminder that nothing can replace the joy and happiness of the precious time we spent together serving the church. It is my yearning and gratitude for them at the same time, which gives us strength to go on forward even at this moment, as we step on the mission field, remembering the mission God entrusted to us.





We believe that God, who desires to work even more abundantly than we do, will abundantly fulfill every need, and we offer our deep gratitude. We confess, giving thanks that it is also because of the faithful co-workers who have walked with us for the work that God has entrusted to us.

### III. Prayer Requests

If the past was a time of grace, I believe the future will also be filled with grace. I would like to share the needs of the mission field so that we may experience the joy of co-laboring with fellow believers.

1. Even with all our efforts, if we lack the joy of walking with the Lord, our lives would be meaningless. Therefore, please pray that there will be satisfaction in the Lord and joy in our lives through the Lord.
2. Please pray for the land for church building and mission center constructions in two Indigenous villages (Santa Barbara and Huanacaxle). In Santa Barbara, nine families gather for worship, and we are in the process of finding a suitable piece of land for purchase. Pray that this process may go smoothly. Additionally, I ask you to pray for the purchase of a mission center property in Huanacaxle to be used for Indigenous youth and pastors.
3. Our church building in Guadalajara has been used for 16 years and in need of repairs and air conditioning installation. We seek our Lord's help with it and pray for the necessary resources.
4. Please pray that Javier and Carmen are well-prepared as ministers who will continue to make disciples and soul-winning, and that they may be established in ministries which will bring joy and glory to God.
5. Finally, we ask for your prayers for our spiritual and physical health, that we may be well-equipped to keep working on the mission.

Once again, we deeply appreciate our precious co-workers who join us in the glory of our Heavenly Father's and the expansion of the Lord's Kingdom. Thank you very much!

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