### 하나님의 사랑이 멕시코에....

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"여호와의 자비와 긍휼이 무궁하시므로 우리가 진멸되지 아니함이니다 이것이 아침마다 새로우니 주의 성실이 크도소이다."(애가 3:22-237

It seems that we are experiencing an unusually cold winter this year. While winter is naturally expected to be cold, this winter in Mexico, known for its warm climate, is proving to be exceptionally long. It used to be a place where winter could be endured with just blankets and thick clothes, even without a heating system. However, it has now become a time when the need for heating systems arises, making us reflect on our church members' needy lives. Despite various changes and challenges, we are grateful for being able to continue the ministry work in this mission field, thanks to the caring love and grace of our Heavenly Father.

During these challenging times when gathering has become

even more difficult since the COVID-19 pandemic, I was reminded of the efforts made to reach out to lost souls, while starting to plant a church. Through street evangelism and gathering children in a park for games and makeshift soccer, we were able to engage with them. During these simple moments of sharing the gospel, we once again felt the preciousness of young souls. I am grateful for the dedication and hard work of Victor and Lupita, who have committed themselves to serving in this endeavor. We pray not only for their growth as instruments of God but also for their development into effective

ministers for the young souls they are reaching.

## <Kids Cafe>



#### <With local pastors..>

Local pastors gather regularly for an Oasis meeting, where they encourage one another by sharing scriptures, prayers, and fellowship. Meeting every two months, they take turns serving in different churches. Among them, our church's intern ministers for successive leadership, Javier and Carmen, along with 2 more pastor couples, had the opportunity to attend a pastoral seminar in the United States. They were able to bring back prayer requests for a church aligned with God's will. For their commitment and dedication to soul-winning and discipleship for the Lord, we give thanks and glory to Him. We hope that more pastors will join in the same spirit of collaboration and dedication to expanding the work of the ministry.



## <We had to come back for the first time>

Entering Indigenous villages has been a significant challenge each time. To reach remote villages, each 10 or more hours away, there is much need for preparation and checkup to be done, particularly due to the need to prioritize safety from risks and accidents. Checking the vehicle and preparing necessities for the ministry, including tents, sleeping bags, and water brought joy as we met some recently born again people who pastor Constancio & his wife Leticia evangelized, as well as

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the brothers and sisters in the village of Huanacaxtle. The plan was to stay with them for a day and proceed to the next village, but there have been recent reports that the route to the intended Indigenous village is controlled by local mafias, posing significant dangers and tensions. Despite the strong advise from the brothers and sisters of the Indigenous community against entering due to all the risks, we sought God our Father's answer through prayers, contemplating the dilemma. For the first time in over 20 years of Indigenous village ministries, we had to turn back to Guadalajara, considering the increasing challenges in security. Amidst the growing difficulty in safety, we pray for the wisdom, help and protection of our Lord, seeking intercession from our fellow workers.

### <The Lord who works according to His will and purposes>



For over 20 years, we have been traveling to Indigenous villages nestled deep in the mountains of central Mexico. However, there has always been a sense of regret and disappointment for not being able to serve Indigenous youth and ministerial families in a more profound way. Through the precious dedication and sacrifice of our collaborators, we have been granted a small piece of land to better serve the village. We have always faced challenges while constructing worship halls in Indigenous villages, such as the transportation of materials, lack of water and electricity, among others, but this time, with the need to build accommodations both for pastors' families and the youth, there is a need for an even greater commitment and endeavor. Nevertheless, knowing that the Lord works

through our obedience, we move forward with anticipation of His work. What we are thankful for is that since December, the ministerial couple Constancio & Leticia have been actively reaching out to the lost souls in the Indigenous village. They started small gatherings in their humble backyard, initiating a small faith community, urging us to redouble our efforts in dedication. We request your prayers and the joining of your hands and hearts in this endeavor.

#### **Our Prayer Requests**

- 1. Please pray that we may continually sense the presence of the Lord and live in obedience to His will.
- 2. Please pray for the construction of the worship hall and mission center in the Indian village of Huanacaxtle. Pray that, through fellow workers and churches, resources will be supplied in abundance and construction will proceed safely.
- 3. We thank God for having provided four air conditioners for our church. Please pray that the need for an additional three to four will be fulfilled.
- 4. Please pray for our church's successive leadership of Javier and Carmen, that they may be established as ministers who please God, and that leadership for the transition of ministry may be well-established.
- 5. Please pray for the health and safety of our family and that all the needs for the children's education will be met.

In Mexico, March 2024, Missionaries Kisung Chu & ChiYoen Chung