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All nations whom You have made will come and worship before You, Lord, And they will glorify Your name. Psa. 86:9 This gospel of the kingdom **shall be preached** in the whole world as a testimony **to all the nations**, and then the end will come. Mat. 24:14

Go, therefore, and make disciples of **all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Mat. 28:19,20

The purpose of God throughout history is to save a people from all peoples of the world, all people groups, languages, and races. This of course implies from all countries where they are located. Mexico is blessed to have many "peoples" in one country. There are over one hundred different people groups, **each with their own language and culture** throughout the nation. The highest number of these different people groups are in the southern regions of Mexico, where MITC has had the blessing to serve for over 65 years.



The Lord has brought students here to prepare for ministry from many of these different groups and languages. Among our hundreds of graduates from the Bible Schools, we have representatives of Mayan, Tzeltal, Tzotzil, Cachiquel, Zapoteco, Huave Mixe, Chinanteco, Cuicateco, Tlapaneco, Mazateco, Otomi, Popoluca Popoloco, Mazahua, and the Nahualt people groups. Some of our students came to us, having to learn or improve their Spanish, but after getting a grasp of the language and developing learning and studying skills, they went on to become capable teachers, preachers and church workers. Then they have gone back to their native areas, and shared the Gospel, taught the Scriptures, translated the Scriptures, started churches, and even Bible Schools. It is exciting to think how the Lord has allowed us to be a part of His plan in gathering a people from all these peoples to give Him honor and glory by faith and obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ. It also is a visible fulfillment of God's Word as shown in the verses above from both the Old and New Testament.

In our "Full Time" Bible School program we presently have students from the Mixe, Chinanteco, Nahualt, and Tlapaneco people groups. The Covid-19 health restrictions that have closed all

schools nationally, has affected their schooling, as we have had to transmit all our classes via internet, and in many of their regions the service is unavailable, or too costly. The blessings of on-campus living and learning have become acutely evident during this past year of the pandemic.

Such was the case of Damariz a student who had done really well in her first year of studies here on campus,







she is from the Chinanteco village of La Alianza. There her internet access was achieved by purchasing "time tokens" but the signal was too unstable, and soon the cost and the difficulty of reception, made it impossible to keep up with her online courses. In addition to this her presence at home in the village became a financial burden to her mother (a widow), and she left for Mexico City (as many from her village do) to get a job and send financial help home. Please keep her in your prayers that she might resume her studies once she is able to come back on campus, hopefully very soon.

A similar situation but much more severe was that of our Tlapaneco student from the state of Guerrero, **Rut** has no internet access to take her classes so her online Bible studies are presently stopped completely. She is in 3rd year and has a heart for serving the Lord. Her brother is a graduate of MITC and is a pastor in the Tlapaneco region where they are from, and it is her desire to join him in the ministry also serving in the churches in the mountains of that area. Tlapaneco is the primary language of 140,000 people in that region, and to have ministry workers that can speak both languages (Spanish and Tlapaneco) is a huge blessing in that remote mountain area. Pray for Ruth that she will also be able to return soon to the MITC campus and resume her training for the Lord's service.

Although it has been difficult, **Ulises** has been able to continue his studies online throughout the year by means of a small cellphone. Ulises is a Chinanteco from the Rio Manzo region of Oaxaca, he is in his second year here at MITC, in the middle of his training as a preacher of the Gospel, and has made a great effort as he helps with work in the fields with his family, and also takes his classes Full Time. The brethren of the Rio Manzo church presently have no trained pastor, so Ulises is using his classes in sermon preparation, to teach the church at the same time. We hope he will become the pastor of his own church even at his young age.





Luis and Daniel are both from the Mixe region of Mogoñe. Luis is in the second year of the Full Time Bible program and is doing really well. Daniel is in his first year and wants to follow his example. They both have grown up learning the Scriptures under the pastorate of MITC graduate Felix Castañon. They have been able to take their classes online with no complications and are helping pastor Felix while they are still at their home town. There are 8 established churches in this Mixe indian region where Pastor Felix and his father (Victor) have been serving the Lord over the last 25+ years, and we hope Luis and Daniel will help to "carry the torch" of the Gospel for many years to come and reach the Mixe villages that are still without an established Gospel ministry.

Josue and Judith are brother and sister who are now in the second year of the Bible School program. They are from the Nahualt Indian mountain region. Josue is very talented musically, and they both want to serve the Lord in their area. They we greatly affected by the limited internet access up in this mountain region, and got way behind in their studies, please pray for them that the Lord will encourage them and that they will finish their training for the ministry.

We have several alumni from the Full Time, and Saturday Bible School programs working among the Nahualt people of the Atzompa region. As the Gospel was shared from village to village we encountered an elderly lady who was the only believer in her





town of Xoxocotla. She had shared her faith in Christ with her neighbors and people in the village, but she was shunned because of the intense idolatry permeating that place. She prayed for many years that the Lord would send help, someone who would also work with her sharing the Gospel. One of our MITC Alumni, pastor Julio, met her while sharing the Gospel in the region. He later introduced her to us when MITC held a dental ministry outreach in her town. She came to the place where we held the clinic and greeted those working with the team with strong hugs, and saying "the Lord has heard my prayers"! "The help to share the Message of Christ has now come!" Now, several years later, the church meets in a building on the land by her house. Sister Anastasia saw the word of the Lord fulfilled in the answer to her prayers for the Nahualt people of Xoxocotla. Having finished her part in this ministry, this month, the Lord called sister Anastasia home to His Presence.

We thank God that he has given us this privilege to share his Word among the nations, among these different groups. We thank you for participating faithfully with us through your prayers, and loving support. We too are seeing God fulfill His promises through us all together, making Christ known in Mexico.

By His grace,





Memorials and Honorariums • March 2021

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