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## **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

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Remain in Me, and I in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself but must remain in the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in Me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches; the one who remains in Me, and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. John 15:4,5,8

Dearly beloved friends and brethren,

Bearing much fruit for the glory of God is an awesome and glorious privilege that we have as children of God and as disciples of Jesus Christ. Of course this is ALL by His grace in us. To bear His fruit means to have his presence overflowing in us and causing us to share His love and Gospel through our lives and words. For this to happen and abound in us, we must stay or abide in HIM through prayer, through being in the Word, and through obedience to His commands (vs 9).



So now these students in their final year, will go to serve among the Chinanteco, Cuicateco, Nahualt, and Tlapaneco people groups, in places that need help, and could never afford to 'hire' or bring someone to go and serve among them. So, in this way, we are able to provide this much needed service, and at the same time we can supervise the ministry done by our students during their final year before their graduation... As they start this year, we have a special meeting where they are informed of the assigned mission and ministry and also are given counsel and encouragement from the Word. Helping us during this commissioning service

These are the things we emphasize to our **4th year (Year in Practice)** students as they go to their year-long ministry assignments to the more remote missions of the MITC ministry. As many of you know this final year for our "full-time", live on campus students, is a way for them to "give back" to the Lord for the many blessings received here during their three years of Bible studies and training for the ministry. This is the "by grace and for grace" aspect of the ministry of MITC and only possible through God's provision through our supporting brethren and churches. All of our programs have no financial requirements, including the Full-Time program where students receive housing and food in addition to their ministry training here during three years.



we had the visit of two of our US board members, brother **Gary Richardson** and **Dick Patterson**, and also pastors **Eber Flores** and Archie Engledow, as well as work teams from each of their churches (Liberty Heights Baptist and Stonepoint Church) who during the week helped us with work projects on campus and outreach ministries in the region.

We were also greatly blessed to have sister **Deborah Morehead** accompanied by **sister Linda** serving God in ladies' and children's ministries sharing the word of God in Pochote and in a women's conference with **pastor Francisco** in his church in Fortin. Also serving with them was Pastor Joey and Sharon Ketchum. Sister Deborah and these brethren **equipped** our Year in Practice students with guitars for their time of ministry in the mountains, which is a great and portable instrument for them to have as they serve the churches and share the gospel.



Ending the school year of 2022-2023 we had the opportunity as staff and family members to go on a summer weekend retreat to Veracruz (about 60mi.). We were able to spend time together, praying, reading the Word, and having great of fellowship. God blessed us with a unifying and strengthening time as we preparing us as we continue serving our Lord Jesus. We thank the Lord for His blessing and provision for this **Staff Retreat.** 

Each summer in addition to our Youth camp, we also have a **Summer Music Camp** led our Christian Music School director **Erik Vazquez**, and several teachers from that program. This camp which lasts a week long provides an introductory music course which has become the pre-requisite to enroll in the Christian Music Program in the fall semester. We had about 30 students come for this time learning, also each day in addition to the music classes, we had a Bible Study with everyone in attendance.





We thank God for the beginning of a new school year (2023-2024) in our Full-time Program we have 13 **new students** in first year, coming from several states of Mexico, including Oaxaca, Puebla, Veracruz, Guanajuato and Guerrero. In our Saturday Program we have 25 new students, and most of them are active members and leaders from local churches that want prepare to serve and share the Word of God. The Lord has given us 95 students in these two programs to train for the ministry. Additionally we have started the second year of the Post Grad Program, the Theological Seminary, we will share more regarding this in our next letter...



Also starting this year in our Christian Music School directed by our brother Erik Vásquez, we have sixty regular students in the 3 year program and sixty children in the Kids Christian Music School! Praise the Lord for these individuals who are learning music theory and how to play an instrument, all of this with the goal of equipping local churches with worship leaders and musicians with the skills needed to serve in this type ministry. The Music School program has Bible studies and Gospel presentation during all three years, so all who attend receive the Word of God.



We had the visit from **Lakes Church**, led by **Alex Davis** and his wife **Heather**, as well as Pastor Dwayne. We had several opportunities to share the gospel with the youth of our community, one of which was held in a school in the city of Orizaba joining efforts with a local church with one of our alumni pastors (**Aldo**). There they had a basketball training clinic with more than 80 kids and their families were able to hear the message of Christ and several gave their lives to Jesus. The team also went up in the mountains among the Náhuatl people, to a Village called Xoxocotla, and were able to play volleyball with many kids at the public High School, and openly share Bible stories and the Gospel. We can see God working and opening doors in that area where we have had our Bible students serving, and we are very thankful for the testimony that we are able to give through our visiting brethren.

We are thankful for the Lord's hand upon us during these months and his provision to begin this new School Year. We are thankful for each one of you who partner with us through your loving prayers and support. May the Lord continue to bless and use us together for His glory and the advancement of His kingdom by the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.



By His Grace,







## Memorials and Honorariums • September-October

## In Memory of: From: In Honor of: From:

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