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Dear beloved Friends and Brethren,

*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 observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Mat 28:19,20*

*You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to **teach** others also. 2 Tim 2:1,2*

Teaching the Word of God to others called to teach the Word of God, is the reason for the MITC ministry in Mexico. This is the one of the means of extending the Gospel, and advancing the Kingdom of God that we have the privilege of participating in here in Cordoba.



So, we are very thankful to the Lord because we are advancing in our in-person activities here at MITC. With the return of all our fourth year **students**, and most of our third and second year students, campus life has become vibrant and full of life once again.

The voices, songs, and laughter of our students that are preparing for ministry in our Full-Time, on campus program are a great encouragement to us after dealing with them for many months only via internet or not at all. We have started special “catch-up” classes for those students who were not able to attend the online classes due to technical or financial limitations, we will also extend the school year to help with this process, so our classes with these “special” situations will continue until the end of July.

As many of you know, **Children Ministries** are a very big and important part of our curriculum here in our Full Time Bible School Program, our teacher **Alfredo Arce** coordinates our outreach activities for children. One of the major products of this are the Vacation Bible Schools. Last year due to COVID-19 restrictions in the villages, our students were not able to travel among the different areas of the Chinanteco, Nahuatl, Mixe, and Cuicateco people. These are regions where we usually send the students, to provide this essential teaching for the children, both those that are part of the churches, and also for many children that come from non-believing households. But thanks to the Lord, this year things are different, and although there are still some restrictions in some areas, we will be able to go to many of these remote areas once again. The brethren from **Grace Bible Church** from Olive Branch MS, for many years have helped us with our **Vacation Bible School** programs.



Developing the classes, and also helping to provide the much needed materials for our students who spend almost a month of the summer to hold several week-long VBS' in churches in the mountains of Oaxaca, Chiapas, and Veracruz. Before sending our teams out, we prepare them for this special time of ministry with classes, and also a special week-long **VBS Workshop**, that has become a major event not only for our students here on campus, but also for many church workers from churches all over southern Mexico. More than 75 churches use this Bible based program produced here at MITC each year, and they send their workers to train in our Workshop for that purpose. Former Pastor **Mark Webb**, and Pastor **Brian Daniels** of Grace Bible Church, prepared the Bible studies for the teachers on the lessons for each day, **Jessica Marquez** (Mark Webb's daughter) and a team of ladies from the church, have produced the applied Bible lessons with crafts, games, and even refreshments, all reinforcing the Bible truths taught each day. Presently we are translating and preparing the materials for printing and for digital distribution to be used during the Workshop and then in the Vacation Bible School themselves. Soon we will be holding this VBS workshop here on campus for our students, and transmitting it via internet to the churches. We are thankful that once again we are able to have this ministry for the children.

Our Bible teachers in addition to their on-campus responsibilities, also have ministries beyond the campus in local church ministries most of which the Lord has started using MITC staff and students through the years. This of course makes their teaching here in the Bible School not only theoretical but also intensely practical. This is the case of **Jimmy Vazquez**, alumni of MITC, and Faculty member since his graduation, whom the Lord led to start the Reforma Baptist church here in Cordoba. A few years ago, the Lord gave Jimmy several people to share Bible studies with, and these soon became believers and followers of Jesus Christ. Jimmy began a very purposeful time of discipleship with these new converts. The Lord has continued adding more and more people to that initial group and now Jimmy is the pastor of a strong church fellowship, that understands that each member's purpose is to actively serve in the Kingdom of Christ. Several of these members from Reforma Baptist have come to MITC's Saturday Seminary Bible School, and they now help Jimmy training up others in the Word of God. It is exciting to see God working in their midst. They recently had a baptismal service and reception of new believers, and it was a blessing to hear the testimonies of God's new work in changing their lives, and of their desire to now to serve HIM.



The House that our family (Chuy and I and our children), live in is the same house I grew up in after moving here from the US with my parents as full time missionaries back in 1970. The house itself was built in the 1950's and has been at the center of the MITC campus ever since. Back in 1973 we had a tremendous earthquake (over 7.5 R) and the house was so damaged that it was condemned by the local authorities. However right after the earthquake God sent us a multi-skilled man named Leo Hutchins, a retired contractor from Dallas TX, who gave the last 3 years of his life to serve the Lord here at MITC. Leo came up with a restoration and repair plan that was approved for the house, and so it was spared from being demolished. Cordoba is located on a geological fault that transverses southern Mexico from the Pacific to the Gulf of Mexico. So we have had many earthquakes and tremors through the years. The tremors this year mostly have gone unnoticed by us, but in the oldest and tallest section of the house they have had an impact. At first we noticed just small cracks in the stucco covering, but later we saw that the wall had fractured and there was some separation in the bricks... after evaluation by the architect (**Brother Chico**) and our Master Brick Mason (**Brother Beto**) (both of whom are also MITC Bible School graduates and bi-vocational pastors), we came to the decision to once again implement brother Leo Hutchins' method of repair, and we are now putting in reinforcing columns from the ground foundation level, up to the roof. This is to prevent further movement of this important support wall, and thereby strengthen the entire house structure. We hope that this will allow many more years of service out of the "main house" here at MITC.

Thank you so much for your interest and participation in God's Work here at MITC, thank you for your prayers and loving support. God amazingly uses each one of us to fulfill his purpose of advancing His Word in this world. May He continue to bless you for His glory.



The House then now



Wall repair



Beto and Chico



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By His grace,

Dan and Chuy Hall



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