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Unleashing the Power of the Gospel Through National Ministers in Haiti and Mexico

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A Burden for the Lost People of Oaxaca!

The vision of Grace Mission is to reach people with the gospel. We do many good things for people but this is the main thing. David and Karina Lopez exhibit this burden. If you have followed the journey that God has put them on in the last 2 years you have seen that 30 people have

been saved in 15 months in the new church plant in the city. Discipleship and a vision to plant another church out of this group are already under way.

All of this is being opposed by our adversary the devil. The Teachers Union is the most powerful agency in Oaxaca. They are demanding he must go teach in a location 8 hours from home, or be fired. David receives \$1,700 USD per month from his job. If possible we are asking God and anyone interested to see IF it were possible for him to go FULL TIME in the ministry. Presently, his support is on average \$600 per month. This leaves a shortage of \$1,100 per month. We are seeking to support this important ministry on a monthly basis to make up the difference. We are only looking for pledges at this time. Please mark your pledge on the contribution slip and return it to us within the next month. One hundred percent of your gift would go to the Lopez.



A Key Piece of Equipment - Haiti Truck

The main road from Cap Haitian to Limbe is 13 miles long. It is hard to find more than a quarter mile where you can travel more than 3-10 miles per hour. The wear and tear on vehicles is impossible to comprehend by North American standards!

Our present truck is a 2004 Dodge 4 door, diesel that is well used, has been in the country for 8 years. We have saved \$8,000 for a different truck. We have looked for one we could buy in Haiti, get parts in Haiti, and not pay duty to import. What is the best truck for Haiti? It is the one you see most on the roads and has a good track record. That truck is a Hilux, made by Toyota. A good used one can only be found in Port O Prince.



In February our leaders were made aware of a 2017 that was in good shape. It had 50,000 miles on it and had been driven on the streets of the big city. We purchased it for \$21,000. **Minus the \$8,000 we saved the remainder is \$13,000.** We wanted to open the possibility of contributing to anyone who would be willing to help replenish the funds spent for this truck. As always, only as God leads you! We have seen the power of God in prayer, and the goodness of you His people so many times. Thank You!

Character Conference Impacts

Due to the violence of the past months the Character Conferences have been on hold. This is the first



one since September. It was a great one! Please refer to the enclosed document for a full report. The conference leaders are all Haitian young men from our ministry.

Lluvias Church Kitchen Report

Last month we asked for support to remodel the kitchen at the Lluvius church. So far we have received

\$600. Thank you so much. Demolition is complete. A team from Canada will be there in March to help. Any future donations will help complete it.



Mexico Team Understands Missions in a New Way



The Faith Evangelical Bible Church from Henderson, Nebraska has made several trips to Haiti. The plan to go to Haiti was stopped due to the unrest, Mexico was inserted instead! The time spent with the Oaxaca church plant and David and Karina Lopez opened their eyes to see what amazing things God is doing among the wonderful people in Mexico.

David came up with a unique way of ministering to people. Many peoples homes have outside walls that are filled with graffiti. **The team volunteered to paint several walls for free.** David shared the gospel and many doors were opened by this act of kindness. Our thanks to Crale Swanson, and Jeremy Warner from Auburn Berean, and the teenagers who went on this trip!

Village Ministry - David and Karina Lopez

There are times when everything around us seems so secure and long lasting. We make plans for the future, we have long term projects in our head and we think nothing is going to change. But just like Joseph, his life changed from one day to another. Josephs life changed but not for good in that moment. He suffered so many frustrations, betrayal, deceptions, and injustice. In all that hard process, God was with Joseph.

During the last week, God has put us under a heavy process. Things that we believed impossible to happen, have happened. I am close to losing my regular job as a junior high principal, and this is because malicious people are trying to affect me. I see so many injustices happening. I am sure you have suffered some as well and concerns and indignation comes very easy. I know, this is all spiritual because we have seen God doing miracles and great things happening at the Home Church ministries. New families are coming to hear and know about Jesus and the Evil One is trying to sow fear in our life (Karina and I). To be very honest with you, I don't know what is going to happen with my regular job. I might lose it or I might keep it, but what I know is that at the end of this process, God will turn everything for good, because I love and trust HIM. Praise the Lord, I feel peace in my heart and that's what really matters. Just like Joseph, we all need to find out God's purpose for our life and even if the people mean evil to affect us, God will mean it for good. Please keep us in your prayers.

Genesis 50:20 "As for you, you meant evil against me, God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today!"



Weighing on a scale of blessings and sorrows, I think there are many more blessings we have had and God has been faithful. During this month, we had the honor to have the team from Henderson Nebraska. What an awesome time we had serving together at the field. We did so many things in such a short time. We worked together to build the new kitchen for the Adequez Church, painted houses of strangers, showing them the love of God, loaded cement filled buckets for the

Home Church, and spent wonderful times with the kids from the church. Maybe they know or maybe not, but in our own church kid's words: "Everyone on this team will be unforgettable".

Finally our greatest blessing which makes all the trials worthwhile are

the 15 months we have had the Home Church! Those who have accepted Jesus, 30. Those who have come to the services, 55! Baptized, 15! To God be the glory!



Lluvias Ministry - Ciro and Juanita Perez

LLuvias Church

We continue to look for ways to build up leaders, promote growth in the church people and reach new people for the Lord. The goal of our church is to visit the mission churches and go out and evangelize. Do anything we can to show people that they are loved.

COMITANCILLO (Earthquake Zone):

Three trips made so far this year. We were able to visit with a medical team. The town president, a woman, was our host, and was so receptive and open to our visit. People were contacted, hearts were open, tears were wept as people shared their stories of the anxiety and fear they live every day due to the tremors, shakes and aftershocks.

CUILAPAM: The three leaders of Lluvias work closely with Ce-



sar and Heriberto as we seek to grow the people spiritually. Every Thursday evening a group of believers get together to study God's Word, as well as some women from the Lluvias church have a monthly Bible study with the women.

MAGDALENA: Pancho and Christy visit a family out in this community. It seems like the gospel has not been understood or accepted. We pray they will understand and embrace the teachings of the Word.

LA LUZ: Three trips have been made this year. We

are seeing growth as some of the younger people came to the church service on our last visit. A new Bible workbook was taken on how to be a Real Disciple.

LATUVI: Two visits have been made by Lluvias people this year, plus the visits Cesar and Lola have made. We were able to take a medical team. After the team left, Cesar and Lola were able to bring six souls to Jesus.

Editors Note: Ciro and Junaita have worked to reach people for Christ but also develop strong disciples who are able to teach others also. As a result they have faithful people who are reaching out to five other communities. What a testimony of II Timothy 2:2!

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