

November 2018 News from the Sheppard's in Puebla Mexico



Nov 17/18 - I know many haven't heard from us directly for a good while and I'm concerned about that so here I come with a newsletter. We were just last week in Oaxaca ministering in a sister Bible school event. The pictures this letter are from the Oaxaca ministry trip. We have published some things of our Facebook page (David Sheppard) and I did write one letter that has gotten lost in the myriad of computer files that one has and therefore never was sent. I wrote telling of the work and also of the need of

more financial support as we have had needs there that even today I was calling out to the Lord Jesus about. At this time of year many are preparing the next years church budget and perhaps looking ahead on the personal level too so I am too and asking our friends and partners to pray with us and our ministry in Mexico and then act as the Lord lays it on your hearts to give so that this ministry can continue impacting our city, region and world thru the church and the many graduates from the different Bible schools. While all over our English speaking world on Nov 11 we were remembering the soldiers that fell and fought in the two world wars, my wife and I were in Oaxaca city (3 to 4 hours SE of Puebla) on the front lines as it were, commissioning more soldiers and sending them into the battle to WIN against the devil and his forces of darkness. What a privilege to speak to and BLESS a group of 20 students who had just completed one year of studies, as you see me doing here.



As I write we are in the final stages of preparation to publish yet another Magazine "Revista ALIANZA", which my editor says "we must publish" but we are still lacking funding for this number. It is mainly sustained thru the sale of advertising. We publish 2000 copies of a 20 page full color magazine every two months and distribute it mainly in the Puebla-Tlaxcala region of Mexico including 40-50% of the distribution going into



Mexico city. We are now in our 29th year of publishing this magazine. For about a year now we are also publishing it digitally on a platform called ISSU.com. The magazine is supposed to be self-sustaining but sometimes we struggle to have the finances to continue publishing like we feel called to do.

On the church level we are pressing on preparing to do an open air Christmas concert and give perhaps at least hot chocolate or something similar to those who would come. We have built a portable platform outside under the roof and held a couple of youth

concerts there in the last couple of months and this time we'd like to use the occasion to reach out to the community again. We are a small church but have a big heart to reach out to the lost and wayward. While we were in Canada last June-July we had to leave the church here in a hard spot. The ministry we had planned on being in place a few months before didn't happen so we had to make last minute arrangements that really turned God directed. I left the preaching in the hands of two men maturing in the Lord and the one who is the youth leader said, we can take the Praise and Worship too, so they did. Yesterday those same two young men did the physical part of baptizing 6 new believers (*since my operation in 2017 I can no longer lift like that requires one to*). The couple leading the youth also encouraged and trained some of the youth to do Karioke style Praise and Worship using Youtube songs in Spanish. Those same timid youth are now starting to be a valued part of the ministry each week. What started out as almost emergency has now turned out so that we have 5 youth helping Rowene and MariCarmen in the Praise and Worship. A couple of weeks ago one started playing the drums in the service and yesterday another one played his guitar in the service for the first time too. If any of you watch our FaceBook live streaming of the services, you'll see what I mean. Six months ago most of them were almost none participative but now all has changed and the Lord is working in their hearts and lives. We could never get these families out midweek before but now their youth are coming a 5:30 pm for a voice class with Rowene and Bible study on worship, enjoying it and staying to lead the Wed night service too. The one set of parents now come and pick up their youth so we get them there now too. Another girl wants to join but does her school shift in the afternoon instead of the morning so can't get to the regular youth meetings on Friday or music practices with Rowene Wed. evenings.



For those who read the part above you can see the Bible school is going full speed ahead. The pictures this time are from our Oaxaca school. Oaxaca is about 4 hours south east of Puebla. In Puebla we have 18 plus 5 students in the two different levels plus a couple of DVD schools operating in conjunction with us here in Puebla, one in

Oaxaca and another school in Tezuitlan, Puebla (about 3 hours East and North of Puebla city) working with us, directed by a former student and now pastor. What a pleasure it is to see workers being raised up to serve the Lord. There will be graduates in all three schools in late April early May, some with an institute graduation and I trust there will be four more with 4 year certificates, three of those being BTH's from Logos University in Florida.

This isn't merry Christmas to you all yet but as you prepare for this time of remembering Jesus birth and entrance into the world to be our Savior, I encourage you to remember the many around you and around the world who still need to hear of Jesus great love for mankind. That's what Christmas is all about, rejoicing that the Savior was given and is among us to save and reconcile us to God again. Thank you for helping us reach more lost souls for Jesus and training up more workers to reach many more like them. Blessings to you and yours from us and the saints and students here Puebla Mexico. Please keep praying for us daily. David and Rowene Sheppard.

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