

June 2019 – Sheppard's NewsLetter to friends and Partners

Look How Your Partnership Is IMPACTING Lives and Churches in Mexico!

Greetings in Jesus Wonderful Name! Since we last wrote April 3 (Look what the Lord has done...) so much has happened in our lives and ministries. I know some of you see reports and photos on our facebook pages so this is not as much news but as always there are things as a photo doesn't always say. There are things that need to be emphasized that a photo doesn't explain. What a week we had with our Pastor Buzza. He hardly had time to sit down and rest between ministry times. We also put on almost 1000 kms in three days to do the ministry in the three cities where we had the graduations. We saw time after time God touch hearts as we recognized what He had and was doing. Each Bible school had it's own



warmth and spirit among the students. In one school the pastor told me that the Lord had touched a heart a week or two before so that one student in particular could graduate. In another situation I was saddened, I had



been told who would graduate and found I had a Diploma left over because that student wasn't there to receive it – his job had made him move to another city a few weeks ago and even though I'd been given his name on the list of graduates. Hope someday he will be able to do the last exams and graduate. There were



moments of joy too when a couple of students had done the almost impossible to finish and qualify for their certificates – WOW! What joy! Here are a few photos. Go to Facebook: David Sheppard or David Pastor and you'll likely see more. I think my file has more than 75 photos but they're not all on FB.



Just finished the publication and distribution of our latest magazine that is once again reaching out to bring unity in Christ Jesus body in the part of the world the Lord has given us to work in. Between the physical and the digital copies we reach easily 10000 readers with each edition, encouraging and



edifying both in the church and the world we live in. Mexico has its own Starbucks type chain, Italian Coffee, in the which we have found favor and we are able to leave on their reading rack along with other magazines and newspapers copies of our Christian magazine for customers to read and take with them.

Two weeks ago we had the great privilege to promise to baptize two and ended up baptizing 4 by the end of the service, a husband and wife, their 7 year old child and then the wife's sister also said she wanted to be baptized and confess her faith in Jesus. What a moment. God is so good!

This past weekend we had a father's day celebration and then ministry along the lines of Acts 2:1-4. It was terrific and almost the entire church was moved and many we trust were healed of hurts resulting from previous actions of fathers, whether they were hurt directly or indirectly by a parent's marital separation, abandonment, divorce or painful death experience, etc. Glory to Jesus for all that happened!

In our last newsletter we discussed a sudden financial need but we now want to report a good part of the monthly shortfall has come in promised at least till the end of this year. We Praise the Lord for touching hearts to raise up this support. As we mentioned last time, we are here, speak the language, helping the “national church” raise up its’ laborers, are ready and able to work and to serve our Lord a bit more. **If you can see the harvest fields with us, the harvest is ready to be reaped** (Mexico has 120 million people and there are 256 different language groups in this country). **All that is lacking is the many reapers (Nationals) needed to bring in the harvest.** Day by day and week by week we are working to see more national workers raised up to go into the harvest field and bring in the harvest plus work to planting and edifying the Mexican church for Jesus. **Can you partner with us or do you feel the Spirit touching your heart to support and help us push forward in seeing Jesus’ church grow and reproduce, bringing in more harvest more rapidly.**

If your church or any of you have a missions offering you’d like to or could seed into this ministry, partnering with us, either with a one-time offering or month by month support and help us continue to invade the kingdom of darkness by raising up workers and bring them into greater service in God’s Kingdom, you can send your seed faith missions offering check or an Interac e-Transfer payment to our home church, Northside Church, 1140 Lansdowne, Coquitlam, BC V3E 2Y9 (we’re The MEXICO PROJECT - the Sheppard’s). Church Tel: 604-942-7711.

We aren’t raising funds for “our next ministry trip to Mexico”, we’re already here, speak the language and have an operational base operating. By FAITH we declare and receive more operational funds to bring us back up to the norms necessary for operating it and making advances against the enemy. With your prayers and financial help we can do this!

Northside church in Coquitlam BC is still channelling our funds from churches and individuals who God challenges to give and pray for us. Please don’t feel your \$10 or \$20 or \$50 or \$100 / month doesn’t amount to much against such needs but God still uses “the widow’s mite” (small offerings) to supply the daily and ministry needs of his prophets and missionaries. We’re believing God will raise up what’s lacking of our \$3000 Cdn /month budget – a few more churches and individuals joining us in vision and mission outreach (\$2400 living expenses plus \$600 ministry expenses).

Thanks for partnering with us. This enables us to keep serving JESUS in Central Mexico, **raising up and releasing laborers.**

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