

# The Daniel Update

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Greetings from México once again. The cane harvest is in full-swing here and the sun is doing its very best to melt us... or kill the Coronavirus, hopefully. I don't know about where you live, but the panic over the pandemic is just now starting to set in now that there are several confirmed cases in Guadalajara. When I went into town yesterday some of the stores had run out of some items like Clorox, Ramen noodles and toilet paper. I imagine that it will only get worse in the days to come. Schools have canceled classes until further notice. Many businesses have closed down. We still have continued to hold our normal services for the moment, but we are waiting to hear if the government will restrict public gatherings or not. Only God knows what is going on with this whole thing.

We are packing house at the moment as our time helping cover for the staff at the children's shelter is coming to an end. At them moment we are working as fast as we can to get our house in Los Pocitos finished enough to be livable. We are very thankful that with the help of some of you all we have been able to make some good progress on it in recent days.

Well, let me give you a quick run-down of what we have been doing as far as the ministry is concerned.

The Church in Los Pocitos- The work continues on steadily at the moment. We have had a few first-time visitors. I have been working with a young couple who wants to be baptized and join the church. We have gone through a discipleship course and are doing marriage classes together. They have been faithfully attending for a few months now and seem to intend to stay.

The mission in San Antonio Matute- We have had one new person in attendance recently: a newborn baby girl (yet to be named). She was born into one of the faithful families there. Just a couple of weeks back they bought her forward to be dedicated in the Sunday service. A couple of our older, faithful members have not been able to attend recently due to health problems.

The mission in Los Llanitos- As I have mentioned previously, my sister-in-law's father Enrique has been working with us in Los Llanitos the last few months. He has been preaching for us there in about 75% of the services which has been a huge help to me. His wife Alejandra has been doing classes with the children too on the weeks that she can go with us. We have gone door to door through the whole town of Los Llanitos a couple of times recently. The people are friendly enough. They listen and even say that they are interested in the Gospel, but that hasn't changed the number of folk who are meeting for services so far. We'll keep praying and witnessing.

A new work in Ayotitlán- I would like for you to be praying with us for a new project that we have been praying about and planning for some time now. With the added help of Bro. Enrique we believe that it would be possible to begin another work in Ayotitlán, a town of about 1,100 inhabitants. There is no Christian ministry there. I have often wished to start a work there as I passed by it every Saturday on the way to Los Llanitos. I was talking about it with Bro. Enrique and he said that he wanted to see if we could make it a reality. This last Saturday he and I left earlier in the day and stopped in Ayotitlán to start knocking on doors before going the rest of the way to Los Llanitos. We were well received by the majority of the people that we spoke with. One lady did fuss at me a bit and asked if the padre knew that we were in town. I figure he'll know soon enough. We did meet one Christian family there that has nowhere to go to church. Perhaps that will be our starting point. Only time will tell, but we hope to see a church started there very soon.

Well, again we thank you all for your faithful support of the ministry here. We are praying for you all in these strange and uncertain times, trusting that God is still working everything out the good of His people.

In His Service,

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