

EASTEP FAMILY

Reaching the people of Mexico with the gospel before it is too late

June 2024

"God didn't bring you this far to leave you now." - Unknown

Dear Pastor, Church Family and Praying Friends,

Special Praise and Prayer Requests:

We are praising and thanking the Lord for all the churches and people that have helped us thus far to provide the finances for the property, the water and electric hook ups, a fence and a septic tank. All we lack is **\$4,300** for the cistern and then we'll have all the essentials needed for the church property!

Also, we're praising the Lord for one of our supporting churches providing the finances for all of the building materials from the foundation to the roof. We are so grateful for their help! They were planning on coming down this July to actually build the church building for us but are unable to do so due to unforeseen circumstances. As a result, we need to hire some help to actually build the building. It will cost **\$2,500** for the bricklayers and **\$1,700** to put up the roof. We will be able to do most of the other work ourselves with help from some brothers in Christ. We are so close to finishing, but would really like to get out of the tents and into the building before the rainy season begins! Would you please prayerfully consider helping us with these needs? Thank you!

We are excited about the progress on the land but even more so about God's blessings on the church:

The Bus Ministry (Van Route) is one of the greatest ministries in the church. I've been working on a route since 1990 and love it. What a joy it is to pull up to someone's house on Sunday morning and to see their faces light up. You can't put a price tag on that! I love going where others cannot or do not want to go. I love obeying the Lord's command: "...Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." (Luke 14:23)

The last Sunday evening in April, we had a special service celebrating Kids' Day. You know you are going to have a good day when you are getting ready to run the van route but can't because your tire is flat and the spare is out of commission as well. Thankfully, one of our men helped do pickups that morning, and we got the flat fixed in time to run the van route for the evening service. God blessed us with 9 new visitors and 7 professions of faith!

Oscar was one of those saved that night. His sister-in-law, Eloisa, had received a tract from our church almost 7 years ago. Then, last year, she was invited to our Christmas service by one of our ladies. Finally, because of some family problems, his wife, Elena, and Eloisa decided to come that morning, but had to ride in the back of a pickup truck because of our flat tire. They returned Sunday night, with both of their families in tow. He and his family have been attending Sunday services faithfully ever since and are attending discipleship classes as well. We have seen all three of his sons, Christian, Daniel, and Joseph, saved since that night and are rejoicing in God's goodness.

We are praising the Lord that Polo finally trusted Christ as his Savior. He has been coming sporadically since October 2023 but thought he was too good to need salvation. His two grandsons trusted Christ in the Kids' Day service, and their mother the evening before in their home. Two weeks later, he finally acknowledged his need of Christ and was saved. Now they are attending Sunday services faithfully as a family! **Please pray** for these new converts to grow in the Lord and for more to be saved.

Please pray as well that we would raise the money for completing the building. We have been planning the Inaugural service for July 14 and are still hoping to be able to hold it in July. All donations should be sent to FBWWM and earmarked for the Eastep building fund.

DO MORE! REACH MORE! FOR THE CAUSE OF CHRIST,

Samuel David Eastep

Missionary to Mexico