



## **Hello to all of our faithful partners!**

As always, I want to begin this newsletter with a HUGE thank you to everyone! Thank you for your prayers, thank you for your emails and uplifting words, and THANK YOU for your financial gifts. WE KNOW that this time during the pandemic is uncertain and many are out of work or working less but you STILL have continued to support us in this ministry, trusting the Lord that His will is being done.

We feel everyday that this situation is getting better as far as the pandemic goes. Most places are still closed except for the big and little supermarkets, shoe stores, etc. No parks are open yet, and most villages are still closed. But we are seeing the numbers go in the right direction now.

## **What about school for our girls?**

Public schools all across Mexico are closed for the year as far as we understand but will do remote learning. The Mexican government has provided-with partnership from the major tv channels- schooling for all ages on these different channels. They tested it out at the end of the last school year at the beginning of the pandemic but now it is revamped and more organized.

Our two oldest girls will be attending the Oaxaca Christian School (OCS). It has been in existence for over 20 years as a ministry for the missionaries here in Oaxaca. OCS works with us to allow us to go to the village without worrying about the girls being kicked out of the school for missing classes as they would in the public school. Also, they will have the proper education and accreditation to go to any college in the US. Not to mention, they will have a Biblically-based education.

All of the teachers are missionaries. They have their own financial support to come and teach our kids and they come from all over the world. There are a few paid employees such as the Spanish teacher and the cooking and cleaning crew, etc. The school has been renting the church campus of the Korean community here in Oaxaca for many years.

Even though they cannot lawfully meet on the school campus yet, they will be meeting two times a week with their classes in the backyard of staff homes near the school. Three days a week will be online from home. They begin their classes on September 7th. We are super excited about this! Evi only has one other girl in her class since many missionaries left for their home countries at the beginning of the pandemic. We are so thankful the teachers were able to return. Evi's will have a veteran teacher who had been my temporary partner to the village before Victor and I were married. Jashlyn's teacher is also amazing and dedicated. Please pray for their health and safety this year.



Here is Jashlyn using the tortilla press at my mother in law's house in her village. My MIL was one of the main translators of the New Testament for her Zapotec language. She worked with Wycliffe translators who spent over 30 years in her village. What a legacy!

Thank you for your prayers. The Lord is so faithful to allow us to be here to do this ministry. Here is a reminder of where we were before the pandemic. Victor had to chance to record tone words with Tomas at the SIL offices and Tomas had agreed to record more whenever we needed. Please pray that he will have the same fervor when we are able to return to the village (hopefully SOON!).

*“God blesses those who are gentle and lowly, for the whole earth will belong to them.” Matthew 5:5 (NLT)*



To help us continue this ministry by getting us closer to our goal of \$2,500 USD a month, there are various options : send a check written out to Ripe For Harvest with our account #324 on the memo line (or our names) and send it to **Ripe For Harvest , P.O. Box 487, Monument, CO, 80132.** If you would like to send gifts with a credit or debit card please go to [www.ripeforharvest.org](http://www.ripeforharvest.org) and click on the donate button at the top right corner of the page. There is a new format for doing so to make the process easier.

*With love in Christ...Victor, Rebecca, Jashlyn, Evi and Masha!*