



Mixtec Moments

August 2021

Bienvenidos desde Oaxaca!

We hope this newsletter finds you all well in the Lord and enjoying the last summer month. We are doing well despite a nasty stomach bug that is taking a toll on us – but we have lots of reasons to rejoice despite that! First of all, we have all of you praying with us and the Mixtecs we work with. That is amazing and trust me, we feel the love of the Lord constantly when we realize all of our blessings. Second, we have been blessed time and time again by your sacrificial financial giving through a very difficult time. Thank YOU and praise GOD!



Above, here we are after a short hike in San Pedro with our Mixtec friends.



Here, Lupe, one of our language helpers, is going over some corrections to booklets we are making. We are also working out different tone patterns in Mixtec.



Another language helper, Tomas, is here with his sister who returned from Mexico City to live in the village again.



In July, I was SO blessed to be able to attend the Ripe For Harvest staff conference in Bradenton, Florida! What a refreshing time spiritually! I needed a little time in my home country as well, the pandemic really had taken a toll on us for the past year and a half which felt really like four years. At the conference I met so many wonderful colleagues, heard their stories, cried with them over their hardships and rejoiced with them for the many hidden blessings. I also met the author of one of the books I had to read in my world religions class at Nyack College so many years ago. What a wonderful organization we are blessed to be a part of!

Praises!

- continued acceptance in our village
- I was able to get fully vaccinated here in Mexico and my husband finally was able to get his first one. This way, we can feel more confident when moving about the village with the leaders watching our every move.

Prayer requests :

- that one of our daughters would get a scholarship to the missionary kid school we send them to. It is a huge financial burden but also a must especially since public Mexican schools are still not opened up. I will have to 'homeschool' Masha now that she will be in kindergarden. Since I am the main language worker on our team, that is a huge burden but one we cannot avoid. We do not have the financial capabilities yet to send her to school as well.
- more monthly financial partners are needed for us to have a salary that allows us to get our ministry done more effectively.
- Covid has hit the missions community here and a dear friend and colleague named Karina who is single and my age has been fighting for her life in a local hospital for a couple weeks now. She was recently changed from intubation to having a tracheotomy to help with her oxygen intake. She has been working with another Mixtec group about four hours away from us for over a decade. She was very happy and healthy before this so we are shocked but hopeful in the Lord. Please pray with us for her recovery! There are also a few other workers from the SIL linguistics office here who are still on oxygen after being diagnosed with Covid. Oaxaca went from good to bad really quickly so we are being careful!

Thank you all so very much for your prayers and financial partnership! We appreciate your faithfulness through these difficult times. Your correspondance with us in any way is encouraging. If you would like to send a donation or start a monthly partnership with us, you can send a check with our account # 324 on the memo line to:

**Ripe For Harvest
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We are still at a \$1200 per month salary so any gift would be much appreciated. Thank you again for joining us in this ministry!