



Happy fall to our faithful partners!

We pray this letter finds you well in the Lord. Thank you for bearing with us through the last six weeks since we had a pretty somber September but are finally seeing the fog lift a bit.

Shortly after we returned from the village at the end of August, Victor began to have cold symptoms so after a few days he went to take a Covid test. The test came back positive and he immediately called our family doctor and started a treatment plan. Thankfully he did not have a very bad case. It kept him in bed for almost a week since he felt very weak and exhausted with lots of fevers but after a few weeks he was back to 'normal'. The doctor had him get some chest x-rays which showed he has pneumonia in his lungs. One has about 15% damage and the other a little more. I guess that's not so bad, though. We were pretty surprised since he had no breathing issues and only a slight cough, so we did not expect that. He did say his lungs hurt but not bad enough to be concerned, or so he thought. So he has been taking a handful of medicines along with a nebulizer treatment that is now down to two times a day and will shortly be down to one. We have nothing but gratitude to God during his sickness since the girls and I did not get sick. The stomach bug we thought we had may have been the beginning of covid which I was the only one in the family spared from that. We thought it was just food we ate in the village at first. I am so thankful I was able to get fully vaccinated a month before my husband got sick. I am pretty sure that is why I did not get sick at all even while being around my husband the entire time. Thank the Lord!

During that time, we lost four very special people to us to covid here in Oaxaca. One was our dear friend and colleague, Karina Araiza. She battled for her life for over seven weeks in the hospital here and after a few days where we all thought she was getting better since she woke up and could eat, she passed away.



Karina, an SIL Mexico linguist, and a sweet friend of mine, worked with a Mixtec group for well over a decade. In the market town where she lived a few hours from her village, there was a large outbreak of covid for which they shut it down during the daytime hours. She had been waiting for the vaccine to be available there but unfortunately got sick during that time. We praise the Lord for her life and work and are praying for the right people to continue it. She was loved by the Mixtecs she worked with but is now rejoicing with our Lord!

“You turned my wailing into dancing, you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.” Psalm 30:11

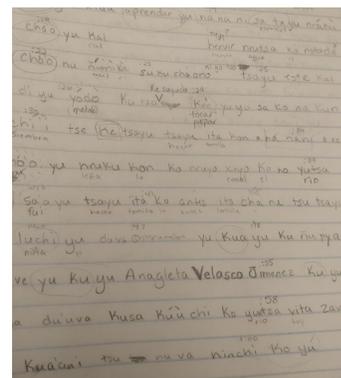
The SIL Mexico branch held a memorial for her in the offices here in Oaxaca City. Now we are looking forward to returning to the village soon! Victor still has his nebulizer treatments until next Friday and we are hoping he can get his second vaccine soon. We are waiting patiently for the next round of Astra-Zeneca to arrive and be offered. It should be soon!

Thankfully, we always have office work to do. We have been communicating with our friends in San Pedro and they are well! They understand why we had not come at all this past month and are looking forward to our return in the next couple of weeks. We are finishing the primers in Mixtec that Lupe helped us fix in late August. We are excited to bring them with us when we return!

Thank you all so very much for praying for our family and for the Mixtecs of San Pedro!

Prayer requests:

- that Tomas and Ana will continue to embrace us when we go to the village. We have such a nice relationship with them that we are able to be more open about our faith now. Remember, Christians are not wanted in this village since they are seen as a threat.
- For Victor's visa – it is hard to see an end in sight at this point, which is daunting. We really need a proper furlough together to raise enough funds for this ministry. We have been keeping our heads just barely above water because of your special gifts!



Praises!

- For our health!
- For continued welcoming in the village!
- For you, our faithful partners!



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:

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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!