

The Tazelaars

In Mexico

"For I am the Lord your God, who upholds your right hand, Who says to you, do not fear, I will help you." Isaiah 41:13

Dear Friends,

April 2019

Tears and *joy* are two words that describe 2019 so far. It has been a mixture of rejoicing in the Lord at His work, and crying out to Him as our refuge. What we have seen and are sure of is His constant care and hope.

One of the joys has been the delight to see Nayeli, our first Mixteco high school graduate from the church enroll in the university in January! She really likes her classes and is working diligently. We are providing a scholarship for her tuition and some expenses. We praise God for the month by month provision so far. Please pray for her safety. Her classes are in the evenings and the second week of classes she was grabbed from behind and robbed at gunpoint. It has affected her emotions as you can imagine, and she continues to be very nervous when going out.

One sorrow has been the increase of violence here. In February there were two separate killings (by guns) right by the church. One was just shortly after the Sunday service was over and thankfully everyone had just left. The second one was right behind the church a week later, both in broad daylight. Now, lately, during our church services, someone is setting off loud fire crackers which sound like gunshots and keeps everyone on edge. It breaks our heart to see the increase in crime and destruction here in Tijuana.

A light in the darkness.....

One definite praise has been to see Angel completing his degree at the Bible Institute. He is very involved in the church with many responsibilities and has a heart for missions. He had the opportunity to preach on Easter Sunday which made our hearts glad. We are so thankful for his diligence and desire to serve the Lord. We would appreciate prayer for him and his family.



In late March the church had a community event where those who attended could receive free medical consultations and medicines, as well as free haircuts, and even free veterinary care for their pets. Along with clowns, face painting and a great salvation message the crowd was very blessed. It was a wonderful way to show the community that they are loved by God.



There is a desperate need for speed bumps on the crossroad of the church.

There has been much delay and red tape concerning this. Please pray for this concern and for the safety of the children and families who walk to church using these roads. It often is a dangerous situation.

May will be packed with activities including a women's tea, two large outreaches, a youth event, and a graduation. We also will have a week of travel. We pray that during all the busyness that the focus will be on what God wants to accomplish and for Him to receive the glory.

Our sorrow....

January 2nd marked a day that caused us to turn to the Lord in a very personal way. Our daughter, Cori and our two grandchildren remained with us in Mexico while Cori's husband returned to Oregon. Cori had suffered for many months from an abusive relationship and is now living with us and getting counsel. Through much prayer and many tears God has helped us to not be bitter towards our son-in-law. What remains in our hearts is a deep seeded sadness. We would covet your prayers for them. Cori is getting stronger as she stays close to the Lord and the children seem to be doing well in the peaceful home environment here. We continue to pray the grandchildren will feel loved and secure here as they mend. Unless Carlos were to get professional counsel, (which he desperately needs), there will be no reconciliation. Please pray for God to mend the shattered dreams and instill a strong hope in each of us.

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