

Dear friends and family,

Thank you so much for your continued interest in our lives and ministry here in Querétaro, México with



(New Life Community Church).

After the pandemic allowed us to re-open Nueva Vida Iglesia in San Jose el Alto in October of 2020, we have been very busy leading the church. We have the great gift to serve the congregation as the main location pastoral couple since October 2019.

As a pastoral couple, God has given us certain unique experiences.

It is a true privilege to be invited and trusted as a young couple confide in us about their first steps in Christian courtship! Or to participate in guiding people towards bold steps of faith in believers' baptism and converting live-in relationships to a full legal commitment in marriage. It is also an honor to hear people share some of their darkest most shameful sins and to help counsel people towards a truly changed repentant life.

Not everyone has these special opportunities!

We also have had the privilege to guide people in moments of crisis when: a mother unexpectedly died, manifested evil spirits were driven out in JESUS' name, cancer metastasized in a young mother, a father of three young children relapsed into drugs and also eight

families down our road completely lost everything due to a huge fire.

Of course, these gifts or privileged opportunities are NOT planned.

They are often very time consuming. And will pass by if we don't grab them in the moment. For these things, we have tried to make ourselves available. At times it seems like most of our energy is taken to just put out these "fires". In the midst of this, we do see our church members' spiritual growth. Many church members are taking steps towards increased spiritual maturity. We intentionally encourage growth, by involving many church members to lead the Thursday evening prayer service. Several church members are mentoring others towards believer's baptism. Also, many have

volunteered to teach in a rotating schedule for children's Sunday school classes. The new dance worship team is growing in confidence to help encourage the congregation to express themselves to worship the LORD.



Although we have doubted ourselves in this ministry position or even wanted to give up, it is more recently confirmed that our leadership

role is all part of God's will for both us and the church.

We can't say that shepherding this flock has been easy or in any way perfect, for the past 2.75 years. But it has been well worth the sacrifices. This has been a great training ground to teach us how to manage so much responsibility. There have been many completely new experiences such as: preaching regularly, leading the church leadership team, handling church discipline and overseeing the children's ministry. This training has helped us to prioritize our personal spiritual relationship with the LORD, our marriage and family relationships and then continue to serve in ministry. We are working to be intentional with our time, energy, and focus. This includes growing through our own weaknesses or mistakes. Over the past 2.75 years, we have repeatedly, humbly asked the LORD for HIS Spirit, forgiveness, and HIS power. We've had to ask each other, our family and church members for forgiveness, understanding and prayer. Through it all, we are still so thankful for the gift to serve the Nueva Vida San Jose el Alto congregation. **We are even more thankful and praise GOD because HE is building HIS church as HE promised according to Matthew 16:18**

“...on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

As we continue to walk by faith shepherding the church, we are trying to **Seek first HIS kingdom and HIS righteousness and truly trust HIM for HIS provision**, according to **Matthew 6:33**. This is especially true for us now that we are in the process to legally start a **Home of Refuge** or orphanage.

After 18 years of having the vision. We believe the LORD has sharpened the vision José received to care for orphans in México.

To fulfill this vision God divinely connected us with a Christian lawyer who has several years of legal and personal experience with orphanages in Querétaro. Since this lawyer has time available for this project, we felt God leading us to NOW advance in preparations for the **Home of Refuge Nueva Vida**.

On April 29th we had a very important meeting set up by our lawyer with a Mexican tax services governmental accountant. From that meeting we were given next steps for establishing a non-profit social service organization (specifically an Institución de Asistencia Privada or I.A.P.). On June 13th we met with our official board members to confirm their commitment and establish their roles of leadership in the organization. We will continue to work on an estimated future budget for the **Casa de Refugio Nueva Vida (Home of Refuge New Life)**. Soon we hope to rent a building to have a physical address for the legal documents for the ministry. Then we plan to submit the official proposal to the tax administration

accountant to seek governmental approval to ‘birth’ the organization. We are hoping the Lord continues to give HIS favor and “...**establish the work of our hands...**” (**Psalm 90:17**) by having the non-profit organization approval documents by the end of this year, Lord willing. But we rest in God’s perfect timing. **We truly appreciate your prayers regarding all the details explained above and support towards the Home of Refuge Nueva Vida!**

Just like we believe God gave us a special connection with our lawyer, God is in the business of making divine connections with relationships in all our lives!

One of those connections is with the Kimball/Balon family from Michigan/Indiana.

We had the honor to host Cindy Balon and her granddaughter Bethan Kimball during the month of July in our home in Querétaro.



Their visit was such a blessing. Cindy’s wisdom from many years of ministry experience, her powerful prayers and words of advice were so refreshing. Bethan’s maturity even at 17 years old, is an example to our

children and many other youth in Querétaro. We are excited to see how God continues to use Bethan’s spiritual gifts to further HIS kingdom among children here in México, possibly for the long-term in the future!

Please pray for us all to grow deeper in our DIVINE connection with the LORD and to follow HIM however HE sends us!

Speaking of divine connections...**we believe that every one of YOU are part of God’s special net work of prayer warriors, encouragers, friends, financial supporters, and spiritual coaches to help us to continue to participate in God’s work here in Querétaro, México!**



Thank you so much for being part of this team together! You can still join us in prayer and financially supporting God’s work here. Follow the steps below to financially give. We would like to stay connected with you. Please plan ahead to see us in person during our visit to the U.S.A. in October 2022.

Blessings,
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