



## LUIS AND MARCIA COTO

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Greetings, dear friends and brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are pleased to share some wonderful news with you about how God is continuing to work here in Mérida, Mexico! We arrived in Mérida just a few short years ago with a dream to begin a disciple-making movement here that would train and equip believers so that, in time, they would disciple others in understanding the message of the cross and the gospel of the grace of God.

God is good, and we were pleasantly surprised by how He brought people to us with a strong desire to study, learn, and apply the Word of God to their lives as we began our ministry here. Little by little, this fledgling group began to grow, and Comunidad Bíblica de la Gracia (Grace Bible Community) was born. We praise the Lord that this past August, we were able to celebrate the second anniversary of the founding of this growing congregation.

Through Comunidad Bíblica de la Gracia, God is meeting the spiritual needs of the people of Mérida and their need for a deeper understanding of His Word. The church has also become a place where people encounter Jesus through counseling and fellowship. We praise God that we are reaching people who seek to grow in their relationship with Christ, and they are being deeply grounded in their spiritual lives.

We have made great progress in reaching our goals through our reliance on prayer and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, through the training of committed leaders, the making of disciples, and the participation of our partner churches. The strategy we're using, which is based on the ministry patterns of Jesus and the Apostle Paul, has been well received by the locals. Going forward, we will continue expanding this methodology through biblical teaching and the strengthening of new leaders. We want to keep reaching the city of Mérida with the message of Christ and His grace so that we see a generation of mature believers who impact Mérida with testimonies of love, integrity, and hope.



**BIBLE STUDY GROUP  
IN MERIDA**



**DIEGO AND  
CRISTIAN  
IN COSTA RICA**



**THE GMI TEAM IN MEXICO**

As we implement this strategy, we continue to prepare young people to serve and receive further training outside of Mexico. Over the past several months, we have had the joy of seeing Cristian Pérez, Carla Escalante, and Diego García travel to Costa Rica for further training or to serve alongside our Grace Ministries International (GMI) team members in Panama. Even as we send our church members to serve outside of Mérida, we praise the Lord for providing around fifteen stable and committed men and women to lead and serve in our ministries here. It is amazing to see the passion these volunteers have to serve Christ.

It has also been a great blessing to welcome the Craesmeyer family to our GMI team in Mérida. This beautiful family is involved in discipling the believers here with a focus on teaching sound doctrine and the wonderful grace of God. Sharing the responsibilities here with Kevin Craesmeyer has also freed up some of Luis's schedule, so he can focus on training new people who have joined the church.

We are also praying for and anticipating the arrival of GMI missionary Marta Cordero, who we hope will join our team in Mexico early next year if the Lord provides the additional support she needs. Marta will be a great help to our team and the church in Mérida.

As Comunidad Bíblica de la Gracia continues to grow and develop, we are praying that the Lord will provide three couples we can intentionally invest in, who will be trained and equipped to take over the leadership of this beautiful church in the next couple of years. This will allow our GMI team to focus on planting more churches in the Yucatan Peninsula that teach the gospel of the grace of God.

The congregation of Comunidad Bíblica de la Gracia believes God is calling us to continue growing so we can impact more lives in Mérida. As a church family, we are thinking about how to best utilize the land we are currently renting, and our dream is to develop facilities where we can make disciples, train leaders, send out workers, welcome families, serve those in need, and have a gathering place for the entire community. We desire to have a facility that will be a center for the multiplication of leaders who will reach future generations to follow Christ. We invite you to join us in prayer, believing that God will provide the necessary resources to accomplish His will. With the support of our ministry partners, we hope to develop a place of worship in Mérida where His name is glorified and His Word is proclaimed.

**Please pray with us:**

- That God would empower us to continue training and equipping the believers in Mérida
- That God would stir and ignite the hearts of everyone in the Yucatan region for Jesus
- That God would provide the funds to purchase the facilities where we currently meet
- That God would guide the GMI Mexico Team in remaining united for His glory
- For Marta Cordero, that the Lord will provide the remaining funds she needs to join our GMI team in Mexico
- For the next young person we will send to Impulso training in Costa Rica
- For Cristian Pérez, Carla Escalante, and Diego García, for their next steps in ministry



**COMUNIDAD BÍBLICA DE LA GRACIA MÉRIDA**

Thanking the Lord for everyone who has partnered with us to plant our first church in Mexico,

*Luis and Marcia Coto*

**“Who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.”**

**2 Corinthians 1:4**

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