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Dear friends and family in Christ,

I want to begin by thanking God for each one of you. Even though you are far away, through your prayers and encouragement, I feel your presence with me as I walk the streets of Mérida. Thank you for walking alongside me, for supporting me through your prayers and gifts, and for being part of what God is doing here in Mexico!

I am thankful to be part of a wonderful ministry team with **the Cotos and the Craesmeyers**, who have become like family to me since I arrived here. Together, we have one desire: that many people may come to know the grace we have received through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Getting Started, One Step at a Time - My first several months here were a time of learning, adjusting, and building relationships. Over time, God opened doors for me to connect with many women and become involved in several ministries, including **Sunday School, Children's Ministry**, and the **ITZAE Women's Ministry**.

Most importantly, God has allowed me to begin discipling several women with whom I have been able to share, learn, and walk together in faith. They include **Vero, Lupita, Reina, Fátima, Angie Canul, Gladys, Leydi, Angie Guillén, and Galia**. Please pray for each one of them that they would not only grow in their knowledge of God's Word, but that they would grow deeply in their relationship with Jesus and that God would use their lives to reach others as well.

Over the past several months, our church has also held several outreach activities. Each one has been an opportunity to invite new people and connect with our community, especially during some of Mexico's special holidays and celebrations.

A New Ministry - Since arriving in Mérida, God has placed a desire on my heart to begin a ministry for people over the age of 55. The goal is to build a community centered on **discipleship and holistic well-being**, where we can focus on spiritual growth and physical and emotional well-being. We want this to be a welcoming place for both believers and those who do not yet know the Lord.

We believe this ministry can also become a beautiful opportunity to share the Gospel and demonstrate the love of Christ in practical ways. The ministry will be called **The Legacy of Joshua and Caleb**. I am praising the Lord that He has already provided a ministry team of nine people that includes three couples and three individuals! Our first gathering was held on Saturday, October 10th. Please pray for this new beginning. Pray that God will give us wisdom to serve, sensitivity to understand people's needs, and above all, that we would reflect Christ in everything we do.



This is our Wednesday meeting at Lupita's house, where we study the Bible. Please pray for these women.



This is my home, where we gather to cook, eat, and learn from the Bible, once a month



This is the team in charge of carrying out the ministry "The Legacy of Joshua and Caleb," for those over 55.

A New Church Plant - We are also preparing for another exciting challenge. Our GMI team in Mérida is planning and preparing to launch a new church plant in another area of the city, which will be led by **Luis and Marcia Coto**. As they take this step, **the Craesmeyers and I will continue supporting the existing church here in Mérida**, seeking to strengthen and equip the church leadership as the church continues to grow and develop.

As I look at all of this, I am reminded of Paul's words: **"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth."** We can plant, water, teach, disciple, and work with all our hearts, but we know that only God can bring true growth.

My immigration status in Mexico - We are working on establishing an official GMI-registered ministry in Mexico so that I can apply for a long-term religious worker visa and normalize my immigration status here. Please pray that God will open the right doors and that this process will move forward soon. In addition to this challenge, I am also trusting God to adequately provide for my monthly financial support, so that I can continue serving where He has called me to serve here in Mérida.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for **the women I am discipling**: Vero, Lupita, Reina, Fátima, Angie Canul, Gladys, Leydi, Angie Guillén, and Galia.
- Pray for **the new older adults ministry, The Legacy of Joshua and Caleb**, for our ministry team, and for the people we minister to.
- Pray for **the church in Mérida and its leaders**, that the Lord would give them wisdom, unity, and strength.
- Pray for **Luis and Marcia Coto**, as they prepare to plant a new church.
- Pray for **my immigration status**, that the process would move forward soon and that I would be able to obtain my residency.
- Pray for **my monthly financial support to increase** so that I can continue serving at full capacity in Mexico.
- **And especially pray for my mother**. She is 82 years old, has leukemia, and has been very ill. Please pray for her, for her health, for her doctors, and for our entire family during this difficult time.

Thank You for Walking Alongside Me. When I look back over my brief time in Mexico, my heart is filled with gratitude. I know there is still much work to be done, but I can also see God's hand opening doors and bringing people into my life. Thank you for being part of this story. If the Lord places it on your heart to visit us, it would be a great joy to welcome you.

With much love and gratitude,

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Some of the women and I enjoyed a visit to my house from Jeremy Clark and Joe Mattias from GMI. It was a lovely evening as we enjoyed a meal and learned about the need to be born again.



This was on October 10th, the first day of the ministry for those over 55,



We always have fun together while learning about Jesus; these are Lupita and Vero.