

THE RARDIN FAMILY

Missionaries to Mexico City

April 14, 2022



Dear Pastor Potter and Church Family,

With Mexico City having taken all Covid restrictions off at the end of February and the count of new omicron cases falling, we have seen our attendances continually going up with a high day of 236 in church with 181 taxing our auditorium's capacity just like in the good old pre-Covid days. Our routes have been a little lower than usual, but we have been seeing as many as over 130 drive-in as several families have returned. Only the kids' classes have been down with just around 50.

We had three baptisms: Jorge, one of our faithful students from our RU recovery program in Tepito; Erica, a woman from one of the routes; and Constanza, a teenager from a family that has returned after eight years. In fact, she and her teenage brother, Jose, and her mother Edna were received as members in the evening as well as a new woman who has been coming for several months, Patricia.

Only two member families have not returned since Covid began and one of those families didn't return because they moved to another state. We had one death from Covid in the last two years: one of our charter members, ninety-two-year-old Sara de la Vega, a shut-in who contracted Covid from her unsaved daughter who got it at work.

We thank God for His gracious hand upon our church the last two years of Covid. The mission in Naucalpan has been running over 50 and had over 20 in Carranza this last Wednesday. In Tepito, our drug recovery program has some faithful students, and we hope to have more as we are changing our program there to Saturday to have more workers available that can go into the streets an hour before the program and invite people to come in.

Please pray as we have two important events at the end of this month. One is a commemoration service for the Jewish Holocaust that we are organizing in a Jewish community nearby on April 26. We are planning for hundreds to attend including many Jewish visitors. The Israeli ambassador to Mexico will be a speaker, which will help draw Jewish families. Please pray as I am preaching that God would give me wisdom to bridge the gap between us and the Jewish community and that we may have many Jewish contacts to work with in the coming months and years. The last time we did have an event like this years ago, God gave me contacts and friendships that have lasted even until now.

Also, please pray for our four-week spring evangelistic campaign that begins on the 24th of April with Kid's Day, our biggest Sunday of the year. Although it is Kid's Day, we usually have more adult visitors than even children visitors. Last Kid's Day, despite Covid, we had our second highest attendance ever with well over 400, almost double our regular attendance. Please pray that once again we have many unsaved visitors, that the convicting power of God be present, and that we see many adults and children saved.

Thank you for your faithful financial assistance and for prayers that we covet so much.

So gratefully yours,

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