

# THE MARQUEZ FAMILY

REACHING MEXICO CITY

September & October 2023



Esteban, Alejandra,  
Sebastian (4), and Andres (2)

Dear praying friends,

We pray you are all doing well as you are preparing for the upcoming holidays. The first thing we would like to announce is that after four years on the field, we will be returning to the states for a short furlough January through April of 2024. We plan to visit supporting churches that are located on the west side of the States and within a few years visit our East Coast churches. Within the next few months we plan to contact many of you to see about the possibility of giving a report on what God has done these past few years. If you are one of our supporting churches located on the west of the States and would like to have us come by, please let us know so we can schedule a meeting.

These past couple of months have been quite eventful. Our church has had many visitors these past few months and several saved. In September, we celebrated Mexico's Independence Day as a church and several of us dressed-up in traditional Mexican attire and had delicious Mexican food as well as a salsa competition. Then we had a church invite us out to their missions conference in Rhode Island. The kids did so well in their first Missions Conference as toddlers and did an excellent job on the plane—praise the Lord! In October we continued with our monthly get-togethers with the ladies of our church and had a church picnic where many of the new visitors participated. It was a wonderful time getting to show God's love through food, games, and fellowship. Then, one of our supporting churches invited us to their Missions Conference in Arizona, and we got to see familiar faces of people who have been faithfully praying for us. To finish off the month of October, our church in Mexico City hosted our second missions conference and invited a Mexican missionary family going to the country of Colombia. That Sunday, we had 5 baptisms and 4 new church members! Our missions director Bro. Terry Jones flew out to preach for our conference and we truly enjoyed getting to see him and were encouraged by his preaching.

Please pray as we are preparing for our short furlough. We are so thankful for the Case Family as they have been a blessing during our absences and will do so again during our furlough. We are working hard to leave everything in order so that we have a smooth transition. We trust that God will work in the lives of people at our church during this temporary change. Please pray for Bro. Case as he leads the church during those months, and pray for the church that they would maintain that fervency to serve God and participate in church activities. Also, please pray for wisdom, health, and strength for me and my family. Thank you!

## Fun Fact

- Día de los Muertos, celebrated November 1-2, is a time when families gather to remember loved ones who have died. They set up altars decorated with flowers with their favorite foods and drinks in hopes to "reunite" with their loved ones.

## Prayer Requests

- For our kids to build a strong immune system as they seem to get sick very often.
- For wisdom and spiritual strength as we minister to hurting people.
- For the spiritual health of the church while we are on furlough.
- For safety during furlough and that God would open doors while we process Andres' dual citizenship and global entry and while we renew our global entries and

## Announcements

- We will be on furlough Jan-Apr 2023.
- We recently had a record attendance of 68 people on a Sunday morning.

## Blessings

- These past few months we have had many new visitors who have been saved and have started discipleship.
- My wife's lupus is under control.



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