

# THE MARQUEZ FAMILY

## REACHING MEXICO CITY WITH THE GOSPEL

May & June 2023



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*"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." -1 Corinthians 3:6*

Praying friends and faithful supporters, we want to thank you for your continued prayers and support. We just want you to know that we could not do what we do without you all.

We are beyond grateful that the Lord allowed us to celebrate our 1st anniversary as a church at the beginning of May. We had a great turn out with more than 50 people in attendance as well as five baptisms. We believe many were encouraged to see all that the Lord has done for our church. Our kids class was filled to its max and we almost ran out of chairs during the main service. A few weeks later, my wife was able to take a group of ladies to a Ladies Conference in Cuernavaca, about an hour away from Mexico City. I was told it was such a blessing for them and that they were greatly encouraged by all the lessons taught. In June we had our first youth camp. We took 21 teens from our church and we had a blast! The camaraderie between our teens grew and hearts were softened towards spiritual things.

God has continued to bless our regular church activities as well. We meet with married couples at our house every two weeks to learn about what the Bible says about marriage. Strong marriages make strong churches and we are excited to see that most of the couples in our church attend. Our ladies' meetings have been a blessing as well. We regularly have visitors attend and it has become a very special time in which God speaks to their hearts. The men and the teens also meet regularly and it is one of the highlights of the month. Even though we also disciple during the week, two weeks ago we started discipleship as a group and there has been a great turnout!

There was a unique opportunity a few weeks ago for a group of students who are studying English to come visit the church before our services started. Missionary Ryan Case and myself were able to give them a quick English lesson. The amazing part was that most students stayed for Sunday School and the church was packed! Bro. Case gave a clear presentation of the gospel and they all heard attentively. This Sunday, one of those students came back and got saved!

Our family is doing much better with our health. The kids have recovered well and are being their normal selves now. We want to thank you for your prayers for my wife. After many tests and doctor visits, my wife was diagnosed with lupus and is now in treatment, which is why she is feeling much better praise the Lord! Please pray for our entire family and that the Lord would continue to give us strength and wisdom as the church continues to grow! God bless you!



### Fun Fact

- A very common meal in Mexico City is called a guajolota, or torta de tamal. They place a tamal inside torta bread and it is typically accompanied with a chocolate drink called atole.

### Prayer Requests

- For continued growth in new believers
- For our VBS to have a great impact in families. The dates will be July 31- August 4

### Blessings

- Our church celebrated our one year anniversary with a great attendance and 5 baptisms. Praise God!
- We had a total of 24 teens go to Youth Camp and God blessed in a great way!
- Our teen group has grown to about 18 teens that come regularly and we have outgrown our meeting place
- Even though we have been discipling during the week, 2 weeks ago we started our collective discipleship on Sundays and there has been a great turnout!

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