

# Restoration Now Ministries

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Greetings from Chilo'n.

Most of you know we are in a little town in the state of Chiapas. It is the most southern part of Mexico just above Belize and Guatemala. It is considered the poorest part of Mexico. It is a place filled with beauty and ugliness at the same time. It is definitely a different way of life. (NO HOT WATER OR AC)



We are enjoying the slower pace yet we stay busy. We go to church, mission churches, home Bible studies and are learning Spanish.

We have been here a little over a month and for the most part we are enjoying our stay. We are living in the mission house and I am getting spoiled as they prepare most of our food. I do help some days. I learned how to make empanadas. We have tried many different dishes, and most are delicious. We have fresh fruit every morning. I have learned the **hard way** to watch what I eat out in the mountains.



The people here are wonderful and treat us with much honor and respect. When we walk into town most people are friendly. They notice us because we are a “little” different. I say “buenos dias” and I should have said “buenas tardes”, they just laugh and smile not in a mocking way then tell me the correct greeting.

Going to Get Groceries



We want to learn the language so we can be more able to share Christ with those we meet. We are taking Spanish classes four days a week for an hour and a half plus we are getting plenty of practice. I speak very slow, but they are patient with me. Wayne is finally getting it. He will probably know more Spanish than me by the time we leave. After the Spanish class we have been teaching about 20 students English. They are all eager to learn. Wayne is teaching them "How Great is our God" in English to share for a missionary group coming soon.



One of the other issues is even if we speak Spanish many of the mountain people speak Tzeltal. Our teachings must be translated from English to Spanish, Spanish to Tzeltal. We are even learning a few Tzeltal greetings. Binawelet, means how are you? Probably not how you spell it.

God has really given us a special heart for a woman in one of the mission churches. She was the one who prayed to receive Christ when we first got here. She always looks so defeated. We are trying to lift her spirit by giving her food gifts from the Lord to show her His love in a practical way. From what I understand her husband is an alcoholic and is not nice to her.

The scenery is beautiful, but the roads are challenging. They are washed out in many places. To get to some of the mountain villages, we travel an hour up and an hour back. There are sheer drop offs and no guard rails. Sometimes I feel like I am riding a bucking bronco. The other day we were delayed because they slaughtered a cow right in the middle of the road on a bunch of banana leaves. They were still cutting it up. You don't see that in the USA.



Some times all night there are loud drums and people dancing through the streets. Pastor says it is idol worship. The natives here have many Gods.

They plant all the fields by hand. The corn grows on the steep mountain sides. There is no way you could get any kind of machinery up there. They said during planting and harvest time the whole family works together to do the work. Even kids as young as seven. Many rancheros do composting and make their own soil and fertilizer. Coffee and corn are some of their main crops. It's hard to get a good picture because it is often so high up. They are very resourceful and use every bit of land they can.



We have been invited into many homes. One was in a valley village that there were no roads in and no roads out. We walked down what must have been a half mile of stairs. That was hard but going up was even harder. I am glad I lost some weight last year otherwise I could not have made it.



Besides the language barrier there are other things to get used to too. We take so many things for granted in the USA. The biggest issues for me are with the internet and cell phone service. Apparently some rebels decided to cut the internet lines and take over the cell tower.

Before we left Texas, we started doing the Spirit, Soul and Body, Charis Bible Study via zoom. We have 6 ladies that regularly attend. I thank God these ladies have been very patient. Our first attempt of a meeting from here kept freezing. Then the next week we tried using a hot spot. That worked well but then the next two weeks, no one in the whole area had internet or cell service. I was only able to get a short message out to let them know we would not be meeting. The next week it was raining hard on the metal roof. We could hardly hear so we found another place to meet but the worship team was practicing.

It was hard not to be able to connect with family too. My brother in law has been in the hospital on a respirator because of Covid. My sister in-law was in a bad accident and was in the hospital. Please pray for complete recovery for both of them. I couldn't contact my kids when I wanted to so this has probably been my biggest challenge. Plus when I have to do reports or want to find something on the web I can't. No outside news, which might be a good thing.





I have still been trying to find time to do the Search for Jesus Ministry. I missed one week but the rest of the time I have been able to connect. I have had some great conversations and feel it makes a difference in peoples lives as I share truth and scripture with them. I still seem to draw those who say they are born again but they need to

know who they are and all that Christ did for them. I am able to pray for them and bring them hope.

With all that we feel blessed that the Lord is using us. Thank you for all your prayers and support. **We could not do this without you.** Each person we touch is because of your faithful prayers and giving. We pray God meet all your needs in abundance and you receive a great reward.

Blessings,

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2 Corinthians 5:18-21

<sup>18</sup> But all *these* things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ [making us acceptable to Him] and gave us the ministry of reconciliation [so that by our example we might bring others to Him], <sup>19</sup> that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting people's sins against them [but canceling them]. And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation [that is, restoration to favor with God].<sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making His appeal through us; we [as Christ's representatives] plead with you on behalf of Christ to be reconciled to God.<sup>21</sup> He made Christ who knew no sin to [judicially] be sin on our behalf, so that in Him we would become the righteousness of God [that is, we would be made acceptable to Him and placed in a right relationship with Him by His gracious lovingkindness].



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