

# MICHAEL BARTON

## SERVING WITH WORLD INDIGENOUS MISSIONS

### BIG MISSIONS UPDATE!

As some of you may recall from my last update, the home fellowship I was hoping to serve with in Oaxaca didn't work out. Thankfully, my recruiter Ron Mouser spent over a decade in the neighboring state of Chiapas. We recently took a trip down there to spend time with a local pastor named Adonias. He specializes in training other Mexicans to be missionaries in their own state. These include real-life church planting, evangelism, and outreach.



### CHIAPAS

On my trip, Ron introduced me to a lot of people including other missionaries and local ministries. He also introduced me to a family that he led to the Lord during his time in Chiapas. We got coffee together, and I was really excited and encouraged after talking with them. They picked my brain on English and taught me some new Spanish words and how to say them correctly. It was good to learn from Ron. We spoke only in Spanish, which was frustrating at times but good for me. He took me

along and showed me various ways of transportation to take when I am on my own. We even got to check out some pyramids and beautiful surrounding cities.



I have been working through this summer to save money, and will be returning to Mexico October 17. Pastor Adonias was kind enough to offer me a place to stay with him and his family and in the dorms for five to six months with the students he is discipling. This will be a full immersion lifestyle. I will not have access to English speakers as I did in Oaxaca. I will be living like a true Mexican, learning from the solid Mexican believers their way of doing things!

My basic financial need as a single missionary in Mexico will be \$1,200

a month. These living expenses also include plane tickets back and forth every six months, rent, emergency money, and medical money. If this is something the Lord puts on your heart to help with, you can partner with me financially at [worldim.com/1309](http://worldim.com/1309). I do ask that you would partner with me in prayer. Please pray — I am anticipating it to be hard, but good.

The main goal of this is to learn from the locals, learning language acquisition and other things from Mexican believers. I hope to learn how to facilitate church plants, specifically home churches and home groups and fellowships, and how to raise up locals to lead them.

This is definitely going to be a different experience in a small, rural town. I am privileged to go there and am excited for what God has in store. If you would like to see video updates or subscribe to my newsletter, visit my website at [missionarymikewim.com](http://missionarymikewim.com). Blessings!

*Michael Barton*

### Prayer Requests

- Please pray for humility
- Please pray that I would be faithful
- Please pray that I would be flexible
- Please pray that I would be used by God

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