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DIOS LE BENDIGA

(God bless you)

Things have been going very well these last two months. My comprehension of Spanish has improved immensely. Even I am surprised, and I am very critical of myself. Learning new words is still difficult, but it is coming slowly. I am practicing the five hundred most common infinitive Spanish verbs, then working on the conjugations. I am also teaching English to Adonías's eleven-year-old son, Danny, and eight-year-old son, Jason. I am teaching them the same English verbs that I am studying in Spanish and how to use "I, they, she, we," with the verb in English. The boys call me Tío Patito (Uncle Ducky) now.



I have been making homemade probiotics with the family, and we have been having it for breakfast everyday. We have begun to give the starter culture to other people and teach them how to make it. This is very useful for protecting people's stomachs against bacterial infections. It's a great way to bless people. People get very excited about it and enjoy making fruit smoothies with it.

I've been very blessed to spend every Saturday with a missionary by the name of Gullie whom Adonías discipled. He recently led his cousin to the Lord, along with his cousin's mother and his two sisters. Gullie has now started a new Bible study with this family and their nine children. He is beginning by teaching them the very basics of the Bible.

I've had the privilege of being there since day one and getting to know my new brothers and sisters.



I was able to serve at a youth winter camp with 120 youth. I shared my testimony with them and participated in evangelism, youth games, and Bible fundamentals – with a big emphasis on missions.

Adonías and I have been working on a project together to pass out flash drives with 13 GB worth of ministry training material – missions training, pastoral training, evangelism, inductive Bible study training, spiritual disciplines, the works. My contribution was the "Chuck Smith Through the Bible Commentary" in Spanish on audio files. This commentary teaches the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation, chapter by chapter and verse by verse with historical context, word study, and application. The goal has been to get this into the hands of pastors and missionaries so they can share the material with others. We have placed a special emphasis on getting the commentary on people's phones. For instance, when we visit youth groups, pray for people, or have dinner with people, we transfer the commentary to their phones. This helps people who cannot read, young people, new believers, old believers who don't know the Bible well, or people who want to learn how to teach expositively. I bought 120 flash drives which covers every church, pastor, and missionary in the denomination in the state of Chiapas.

I have begun to get to know other missionaries who work with WIM. Recently,

I visited Pastor David Beck and his small church outside the city of Comitán. He recently gave us 58 very nice Bibles that a contact of his gave him for free to pass out to whoever wants one. This contact of David's has offered to give as many Bibles as we need in whatever translation or even other indigenous languages as we need free of charge. This is a perfect example of kingdom perspective. David Beck is Pentecostal. His contact is Baptist. Adonías is part of Mision Bíblica Mexicana. I come from Calvary Chapel. We are all part of the body of Christ working together to further His kingdom.

I am always walking around talking to people and have been getting to know a lot more people in the town that I live in as well as evangelizing in very poor Spanish. I am writing from the state of Campeche where we are visiting the church where we taught evangelism a few months ago. The focus has been the youth group this time. The group has twenty more new youth.

These are just a few of the highlights of what has been going on and what the Lord has been doing in our lives lately.

Thank you for being part of my team through your prayers, your encouragement, and your financial support. All that you do allows me to obey God's call to minister in Mexico at this time.

Michael Barton

Prayer Requests

- I will keep my eyes on Jesus
- I will continue to be faithful
- I will not worry about the circumstances around me
- My language acquisition
- Above all, pray for faith for my brothers and sisters.

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