

**January / February 2024**

### Ministry

New Mexico is known as the “Land of Enchantment”. We successfully accomplished our New Mexico survey trip at the first of January. We ministered at the mission conference of the Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Deming and preached at the Iglesia Bautista

Nuevas Alturas in Albuquerque. We traveled the southern region and north above Santa Fe while visiting several areas in between. Pastor Steven Sykes took us to survey some very needy small towns where a church needs to be planted. We saw thousands of people in small American towns that had no gospel witness. Two things stood out to us. First, a closed church building that was recently emptied out and a Catholic grave yard nearly five times in size to the non-Catholic graveyard. Both of these highlighted the need for gospel ministry. Please continue to pray that the Lord will give us clarity about where to be in New Mexico.

Soul Winning in  
Deming , NM

### Gospel Advance

If you have seen the news in recent days you would have noticed that illegal immigrants from Venezuela have been arrested due to their violent crimes in America. We were missionaries in Venezuela for 12 years and we have witnessed what the gospel can do to these hard and evil hearts. Many churches have been planted in Venezuela and the opportunity to preach the gospel has never been greater. We have 60,000 John & Romans ready to be shipped to Venezuela and distributed to many churches that will continue to preach the gospel. We are asking 15

churches to give \$350 to reach the goal of sending these scriptures. Please pray that these funds will be provided quickly. You can contact the DLM office for more information. (502) 264-7763

### Church Planting and Revitalization

The following statistics are a little old, I read them about a year ago. They show us what we are facing in America. Every year in America about 4,000 evangelical churches begin. Of those started, 35% close before their 5th anniversary, leaving about 2,600 new



Recently Closed Church  
Anthony, NM

churches planted annually. While churches are dying at a significantly higher rate, each year in the U.S. approximately 7,000 churches close their doors forever. All things considered, the number of churches in the U.S. is decreasing by about 4,400 churches per year, while our population is growing by about three million people per year. We consider America a mission field. I will be speaking in several churches in different states that were going to close. These churches and the missionary pastors taking them need help. Please pray for us as we minister in these circumstances.

### Training

We had the opportunity to lecture twice in the Church Planting Class at Crown College. We will be teaching Old Testament in Nicaragua at Global Bible University in April. We will be teaching at a Family Conference in May. Please pray for us and that we can raise our needed support. Thank you.

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Acts 20:24



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