



*Gracias*

## Prayer Requests

- For the team that will be coming in December and for all of the ministry partners to be provided for.
- For new relationships with Pastors and ministries.
- Lord to give us vision of a place for a church.
- For the Lord to provide a truck to haul donations across the border.
- For all of our ministry partners in Piedras Negras.
- For the Lord to provide monthly financial partners so that we can accomplish all that the Lord has placed on our hearts to do.

## Brian's Blessings



right there helping there parents.

If you've ever gotten your shoes completely soaked and then tried to wear them again after they dry out and shrink, then you know how painful and uncomfortable they can be. All of the children's shoes were in very bad condition from multiple soakings. This was the condition of many of the children's shoes as we arrived to pass out the shoes. The children were so happy and so thankful for the new shoes. We THANK YOU donors and PTW church members for donating the shoes and for your servants hearts!!!

*"If we say that we have fellowship with Him and ~~yet~~walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; <sup>7</sup> but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin."*

1 John 1:6-7

## Walk a Mile in Their Shoes

Sometimes, I am Amazed at how many things we take for granted. Most of us have never wondered where our next meal will come from. We've never felt the anxiety come over us when it rains because our home is prone to flooding based on location. We don't know what it means to have nothing and lose what little we do have to floods.

I was reminded of this recently when we took shoes to the children of Iglesia El Poderoso de Israel & Temple Aleluya. Previously to our arrival here there had been flooding from heavy rains. In some of the children's homes the water level reached over 6 foot! Well then again in October we had even more flooding and it was lots, lots of water. When the flooding starts much work takes place in the homes trying to save what little they do have, and the children are

## Melanie's Moments

**Hola Amigos!!** As we start the month of November and the US will set aside a special time of Thanksgiving. We pray that as you gather together to feast with friends and family that your hearts will be overflowing with the goodness and provision of our Lord. Our hearts are full of gratitude for you and Him for sending us to serve in Piedras Negras, Mexico. **It is bittersweet I have so much to be thankful for! Living here all the time you realize that on a daily basis!!** Our hearts are filled with gratitude for everything that God has done in our lives. Here in Mexico they do not really celebrate Thanksgiving. Some families will celebrate but it is very rare. We will be spending our Thanksgiving Day preparing for the Bible School will be doing in a local church here the three days after Thanksgiving! I will miss our family and friends but I am definitely looking forward to what God is going to do in the lives of the children at the bible school. I am also looking forward to having a family from Dallas coming to visit us the weekend leading up to Thanksgiving and will be serving alongside us ministering to people at local churches, evangelizing and visiting our ministry partners in the area. I am so thankful for my salvation, my wonderful husband, my awesome children, my family back home in US, my new and old friends here in Mexico, for our leadership classes where they are so hungry for the Word, for the precious children we cross path ways with daily, and for God providing us a home in a wonderful neighborhood.



## Caleb's Corner

I've been thinking about my friends in Dallas lately and how I miss them. I know that God sent us here to Mexico so that I could make new friends and to follow God. He wants us to evangelize too so many here. My heart is also to go to China one day and do the same, it has been that way since like First Grade when I read a story about a China missionary. One day on our way home we found Shelly (desert tortoise) right next to our neighborhood. She was hurt real bad. Me and the family built her a habitat with a burrow. All of my friends here really like Shelly too! They love to hold her! The little girl across the street tries to set her free all the time!! It may be weird to you that a tortoise is one of my new friends. Shelly brings me lots of JOY!! Finding Shelly and taking care of her reminds me of how Jesus found me, saved me and takes care of me. Just like Shelly was hurt, my heart missed my friends in Dallas. Jesus brought me Shelly to be healed and she healed my heart too.



## Faith's Favorites

This past month has been an AMAZING experience for me personally. I am going to tell you why. About two weeks ago my church in Dallas invited me to a youth retreat. I had already known before hand that I wasn't going to be able to go because we didn't have the extra finances. Well many of our youth had the same problem. So we did two fundraisers and some sponsors. But I wasn't there to participate because I live in Mexico. Someone in the church sponsored me and it was a huge BLESSING. I cannot tell you how thankful, I am for that. Because if I wouldn't have gone then I wouldn't be changed like I am now. So let me tell you what happened at the youth retreat! During the retreat we had a few different speakers including our pastor. I experienced my very first and very real own encounter with Jesus!! I was talking to Jesus like I do as we were told to pray individually and the Holy Spirit fell upon all of our youth!! I received some healing during this time from some rejection the enemy was trying to make me feel from being in Mexico. Afterwards, we all got to know each other a little better and became even more unified!! It is amazing to see what the Lord is doing and still doing in the youth. Most of our youth our attending our early morning prayer services at 5 a.m. I watch online!! Praise God for internet!! We continue to get closer to God daily! Then at the end of the month I was blessed to go on another youth retreat with a church here in Eagle Pass across the border from where I live. It was such a huge blessing too as I was able to meet lots of new friends and see the Holy Spirit move among the youth there too. Holy Spirit has really touched me where I have felt "adopted" by Him and not so lonely or rejected being a teenager in a foreign country. This whole month not only has been a huge impact on me but pretty much everyone else I was around too. I am blessed by so many blessings and I want to encourage you all to pray more and more and stay on the right path with God! I love you and Blessings!!



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