

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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“Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.” (Psalms 37:3-4)

### Schedule

May 8 to 12: TOT I in Oaxaca

### Thank God that:

1. **Ruben Viveros** is doing much better after his heart problems. Pray for Ruben and his wife Gloria as they would like to join us in our Zihuatanejo ministries.
2. Mandy Riley and I enjoyed our visit to Mexico City to see the ministries there. **Claudia** and her team are working in a new area, Huitchila. **Karla** and **David** are doing well, and are using CHE in several of their ministries.
3. **Mandy** is getting involved in many of the Zihuatanejo ministries. There is even talk of forming a women's soccer team. Thank God that she is with us.
4. From Mexico City, I went on to Rochester, where I had a wonderful time with my family and friends, and taught a CHE (Community Health Evangelism) seminar at **Elim Bible Institute**.
5. Next stop: Miami, where we had our **Regional Council** meeting with people from all over Latin America and the Caribbean. We were able to share updates on our ministries, as well as new ideas and approaches that will be useful in our ministries. That was a good time of fellowship.
6. Thank God for **water**! As I returned home from Miami (after a night camping out at the Miami Airport), tired but happy, our water failed—a combination of a dry season water shortage in the city, a broken pipe so the water supply was cut off, and a leak in my home. So we have been living out of buckets for most of the week—borrowing water (and occasionally showers) from neighbors, and using several water conservation techniques. But this temporary inconvenience for us is becoming a major problem in many parts of the world, as water shortages become more intense.
7. Last night we had our middle-of-the-street Bible study in **Vicente Guerrero**. That is a community where the Lord has been opening up several families to himself. Every week, **Maura** comes by on her route selling sweet bread in the communities. She has been learning more and more about Christ. **Ernestina** (Doña Tina) is an elderly woman who at first kept her distance from us, but who has been warming up over the past months. Last night, both Maura and Ernestina came to faith in Christ.
8. About 10 men in the **jail** continue to get together at 6 am for prayer and Bible study. They also are planning more evangelistic outreaches (plays and dramas) for the families visiting the jail. They hope to use the Children's Day and Mother's Day celebrations to share Christ.

### Please be praying:

1. Several people on our team continue to struggle with **health issues**. Pray for Wayne (for complete healing after the Cryptococcal meningitis); for Mary (asthma; also continued problems with her back); for Raquel; for John; and for Ron and Rose.

2. We are working to set up a **homework club** at our church, giving tutoring, English classes and computer training for children, and we also hope their parents will drop by to learn health skills and other practical skills. Pray that this may be an effective outreach to the community.
3. Please continue to pray for wisdom as we seek to set up a **refuge** for elderly abandoned adults.
4. In May, we will be traveling to **Oaxaca** to give CHE training with Manos de Vida.
5. Pray for the continued development of strong **Mexican leadership** for each of these ministries.
6. Continue to pray for **Lifewind International** for wisdom during this time of a financial crunch. Pray that we will trust fully in the Lord to provide. But despite the financial crunch, the **CHE** ministries continue to multiply rapidly and we are working and sharing ideas back and forth with many other organizations and groups.
7. I have received several invitations from different countries (and different continents) to give training for **Children's CHE**. Pray for wisdom in balancing all of this. Pray also that Children's CHE may be a powerful way to reach children, their families, and their communities for Christ.
8. Please continue to pray that I may keep focused on **Christ** and rejoice in him and trust fully in him.

Thanks so much for praying!  
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