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 Magnifying the Lord from Mexico City

And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, the Lord *will be magnified* from the border of Israel. (Mal. 1:5)



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Dear pastors and churches,

The month of March was an exciting month, specially from the perspective of involving people. But first, a little backstory on how the Lord has been working. Last August, when we launched, a family started with us, the Salvador Rivera family, he was practically the assistant pastor. He left mid-January (in good standing, he had the calling to plant churches, and we both felt it was time for him to move on). We knew that parting ways was going to leave a big void in the newly-founded church. Yet, we sensed the Spirit's leading that it was the right decision to make. So, by faith, we did.

Volunteers As expected, February came around, and the lack of help was evident. By then, we had anywhere between 5-8 families attending each Sunday. They began noticing it too, in a good way. There is one more detail relevant to this testimony. Since November, we have been studying the letter of First Timothy verse by verse. And as I was studying for the February messages, the following verse stood out to me, "that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." The Lord spoke to me that Iglesia Jardines is His church, and that I have a responsibility to make it operate excellently. This meant the church needed helping hands, and it also meant that I had to explain the responsibility for this church to move forward in an excellent manner. I preached and proceeded to share the booklet in which I presented fifteen volunteer areas under five headings.

This project was introduced at the conclusion of the sermon the last Sunday of January, presented with booklets on the first Sunday of February, asking them to pray and consider what the Lord would have them do, and handed out commitment cards on the second Sunday. By the grace of God, fifteen people committed, each between one and three areas.



Ceiling-to-floor windows on the entire left side of the auditorium.



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And currently we are preparing training material for each of the areas. It is exciting to see how the people are growing, albeit slowly.

Bora's Health As mentioned in the previous letter, my wife's health had deteriorated raising concerns. The results came back, and the biggest worry is a lump found on her right breast measuring 3 cm (1.18 in). Doctors recommend a follow-up in the next 6-12 months. In technical terms, she has fibroadenoma which is a form of low-risk tumor, and non cancerous; however, it could develop into



LEFT The building owner estimates the carpet had not been replaced in the last 10 years.

BOTTOM The cable trunking protruding all throughout the wall; poorly done, when used with kitchen appliances for events, it causes power outages.

one. We are committed to implementing the necessary habit changes doctors recommended such as exercise and sleep routines. Besides the lump, other minor issues appeared, but not of great concern. We will be sure to inform you as soon as we receive another update.



Stewardship Campaign When the Lord allowed us to find the place we are renting, we knew it couldn't hold more than 25 people. But back then, we felt it was the right decision. Several weeks ago, we tore down the dividing wall, and now we have a seating capacity of around 50, and if we choose to tear down the two office spaces, it would give us room for up to 70 people.

After speaking with pastor, and presenting with few different options regarding meeting place options, he considered feasible that we do some remodeling, and plan to stay for the next few years until the church solidifies some more. This raises three main remodeling needs: eliminating the enclosed heat, updating the electrical layout, and changing the carpet (issue: excessively dusty).



These remodeling needs are essential as auditorium temperatures exceeds 92°F, and we have completely lost power when hosting events (later asked an electrician which replied that the electrical work was poorly done), and a girl with asthma had three attacks over the period of three months in our auditorium because of the old carpet (that family stopped coming).



This is what we are currently using to try to cool down the place, but it is not enough to cover the approx. 700 sq.ft. of the meeting place.

This is what we would like to do: the people are new, yes, but we have seen some spiritual interest. We are praying and planning to host our first stewardship dinner on April 21st. We believe God wants our people to learn to love His church and give by faith. My goal is to present the three aforementioned projects with the goal to cover one-third of our current needs.

The plan is to host a Sunday evening event, present the project as a vision night format, and ask them to commit for the next six months. We are bathing this event in prayer since it is our first time. We would appreciate your prayers.

Here is a basic breakdown of the costs for your consideration: carpet upgrade, \$3,000; electricity rewiring, \$3,500; and fixing windows (changing to double blinds, filling bottom half of the glass window with fake wall), \$2,000. Should the Lord put the needs of our ministry in your heart, please let me know. Any amount of help is a big blessing.

We are staying busy with discipleships, meeting visitors, praying for His guidance and blessing. As always, thank you for your prayers and making it possible for us to fulfill His will in Mexico City. May the Lord bless you and your ministry.

Serving our Lord Jesus in Mexico City,

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Prospects – New visitors: Tonatiu and family, Eufrosina

Stewardship Campaign – April 21st, evening. Inviting 7 families, vision night, dinner.

Bora's health – God's grace, wisdom in making the right decisions moving forward
