

THE ORTIZ FAMILY NO.4

NOVEMBER 2024 MISSIONARIES TO MEXICO CITY



EIGHT YEARS!

**WE CELEBRATED
ANOTHER ANNIVERSARY**

MORE CHURCH PLANTING

**TRAINING FUTURE CHURCH
PLANTERS**

MISSIONS-MINDED

**WHAT A GREAT
MISSIONS CONFERENCE!**

GREAT NEWS AHEAD!

Eight years ago...

We are humbled to see what the Lord has done in eight years of ministry. We can hardly believe that it has been that long, but we are thankful to be here, and to be a part of the expansion of the kingdom in Mexico City. In September we celebrated our eighth anniversary, and the whole church gathered together in one location that we rented just for that day. This is always a special day because it is one of the few times where everyone can be together.

Over six-hundred people came to be a part of a service to celebrate God's Word and the power of His Word. After all, it is all because of the Word that it is possible, not our humans techniques or strategies, but the infinite, life-changing power of the Word of God. We have seen so many people saved. We have witnessed lives transformed. We have been in the middle of restoration and redemption, and I would not change anything at all. Yes, we have made mistakes, but even those have been used for His glory and for our good. Thank you, dear supporter and friend, for being a faithful donor and prayer partner. These eight years are a celebration of your faithfulness too. God has provided *through you*, and we are deeply grateful for your sacrificial giving. You may never see with your own eyes the results of your giving... until we are in His eternal kingdom. There you will see, and I am certain that you will rejoice.

More church planting!

When we came to Mexico many years ago, we came to plant churches *and to train* more church planters. We have already planted three churches by the grace of the Lord, and now we have officially started the preparations for the next one. One very generous donor has sent the necessary resources to fund the support of one potential church planter. This means that we can hire him to be in full-time ministry for one year. During this year, he will be trained in church administration, preaching, writing, and he will also be able to start his seminary education. I can see the Lord's calling in his life, and several times he has confirmed the desire to plant a church. The timing for the church plant remains unclear for now. First, we will train him for this year, and then we will evaluate what the next step is. But we are so happy that we have these resources to help him leave his Uber job, and invest his life in ministry. Please pray for Sergio and his family. Pray for wisdom and clarity in all future decisions.

Missions-minded church

Last weekend we celebrated our annual missions conference. It was great to have pastor **Ryan Thompson** and **Mark Schmidt** visiting our church. We have been supporting Mark for several years, and it is always great to see him. We also had our own church planter **Alejandro Cervantes**. This conference helped our people to focus on the eternal. Pastor Thompson preached a great sermon on faith promise, and the church increased their yearly commitment from \$40,000, to \$60,000! It is amazing to see a church plant engaged in world wide missions!

PICTURES IN MEXICO CITY

1. Eight years!

We gathered together in one service (normally we have three services), to celebrate God's faithfulness.

2. Pastor Ryan Thompson preaching

Our church family renewed their yearly faith promise. What a privilege to be a part of missions!

3. Future church planters, Sergio and Lorena Magos

We are so excited to see what the Lord is doing in the lives of this family. Pray for them as they prepare to serve God in any capacity He gives them.

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