

The Steps of a Goodman

Goodman Family Prayer Letter

Psalm 37:23-24

Reporting for November – December 2025

A Milestone on the Mission Field...25 years!!!



On the 20th of December we had our 25th anniversary of serving the Lord in Mexico. 23½ of those years, we have been in the process of church planting in Morelia, Michoacán. God has been so good to us through the years. He has provided our every need, He has protected us very palpably on several occasions, He has manifested His presence and power to us in so many ways, and He has kept us here all of this time! I pray He has been, and will be, glorified in our ministry here. As I look back over all this time, there is a part of me that laments not having been more successful in our church planting endeavors. I would have hoped to be a lot further along by now. We have a small church that has really struggled through the years. It has struggled because the people struggle...that is what the church is, people. However, they are precious people to us! We could have never imagined who they were or what they looked like before we came. But now, we know them and have invested God's Word in them...and our lives in them. This church is not everything that I would like it to be, but it is His church! It is alive and it is a light here in Morelia! With God's grace we will continue to pray and work towards its growth and stability until He decides differently.

I know that as a minister of God, I will be accountable to Him. As a missionary, I am also accountable to my home church and to all of our supporting churches. God has been very gracious to allow us to be in His service here. We are also very aware that so many churches have been gracious in their faithful and continued support of the Goodman family. Thank you so much for all that you have done to help us, encourage us, financially support us, pray for us, and co-labor with us here in Mexico! May our great God bless and repay you all for your investment in us and in the people that we have been able to reach here with the Gospel.

From the 25 years that we have been here, I have recorded 2,438 professions of faith and 197 baptisms. I don't know if that is good, or whether it should be much more... I just know that we've tried to do our best. I give the Lord all the glory for each one of the precious souls that we have been able to point to Christ and to His Word. This year has been particularly difficult...only 68 saved and just 2 baptized. I do pray that God will grow our church in quantity, quality, and capacity. We are very thankful to be working with a young couple that, with God's help, we will train for ministry. Pray!

Ministry Endeavors of 2025

Reset of the Sunday School

One of our main goals this year was to try to jump start our Sunday School. We had good attendances at first, but it has struggled through the year. We will keep at it in 2026. Pray!

Progress on our Building and Facilities

We greatly advanced on the construction of our building #777 in 2025! Our balcony is only lacking the final flooring. The auditorium is not done, but the floor is now concrete and the walls are up! We will continue with more projects as we are able in 2026. Thank you for all your donations and prayers.

Discipleship/Training

Throughout the year, I dedicated Wednesdays to discipling Miguel and Paty, and a young man by the name of Geras. We met for prayer at 9:00 a.m., went soul-winning in the pueblos for an hour and a half, ate breakfast together, and then returned to the church for a discipleship class. This is where I feel that we made the most progress in the year. We had a couple of other participants sporadically, but the three that I mentioned above were faithful every week.

Drug and Alcohol Rehab Center

Each Saturday morning, I preach to around 30 inmates. They are under lock and key. Most are men, but there are some women also. They are only together for the service that I do each week. Everyone there is very excited to see me and they are easy to preach to. We have seen several saved, but have not yet had any visit our church upon getting out. Please pray!

Other Opportunities to Minister, Encourage, and Preach!

This year, I traveled quite a bit. I preached out in 19 different churches in four countries: Mexico, U.S., Canada, and Argentina. Three of those were conferences. I don't pretend to be some sought-after speaker, but I really enjoyed the opportunities to preach God's Word and to try to encourage and influence people in all of these places.

Team Work

In the new year, 2026, we will be teaming up with a pastor friend on the other side of town. His church has also struggled, maybe more than ours. He will be bringing a small team to help us with our soul-winning for three Saturdays in a row. We will then return him the favor the next three weeks. Then we are going to have a combined missions conference. I hope it will be an encouragement to both churches. Pray!

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