

THE MONTAÑOS



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

PUSHING FORWARD

Dear Prayer Friends and Supporters,
Greetings from the Montaña family! We are grateful for your continued prayers and faithful support. We are excited to share some wonderful news from Hermosillo, Sonora, and we trust that your churches and ministries have also experienced a fruitful season for the Lord.

As we continue pushing forward on our new property, we have faced some major obstacles while seeking to further the Gospel ministry. However, we have determined not to allow these obstacles to deter us. Instead, we simply try to find out how God wants us to face each challenge and then keep moving forward.

One of the greatest challenges we have faced during the last few months has been the heat. Without air-conditioning and with a metal roof over

the auditorium, the building can feel like an oven. We are thankful that the walls of our building do not yet connect completely to the roof, which allows for some ventilation. Nevertheless, I have preached to our people with temperatures reaching 115–117°F inside the auditorium.

PUSHING FORWARD WITH ELECTRICITY

We have not been able to accomplish much construction because we desperately need to finish the electrical connection to our property. We are now very close to getting electricity from the city. The electrical project originally was going to cost us approximately \$50,000, and we now need only about \$12,000 to finish it. Our church people have been working hard, selling food and raising funds to help complete this project. Please pray that the city will approve our plans, that we can obtain the remaining signatures and permits, and that God will provide the funds necessary to finish the project.

Operating our services entirely on a generator has been challenging and expensive. We have spent a significant amount of money on diesel just to have



PREACHING WITH AS MANY FANS AS WE CAN



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electricity during our church services. One thing we have learned through all of this is how easy it is to take for granted things such as electricity and water—until you do not have them. Then you have to figure out how to continue pushing forward without them.

Not having electricity has also complicated the operation of our Christian school and Bible Institute. We purchased two additional small generators so that we can run fans, computers, and other necessary equipment while the school is open.

In the middle of all these challenges, I am so thankful for each of you who reads our prayer letters and prays for us. No matter what we face, we never feel alone in the battle, because we know that many of you are praying for us every week. Some of you have even allowed God to use you to sacrifice financially on our behalf.

There are no words that can adequately express our gratitude. All we can do in return is promise you that we are laboring faithfully to make your investment in this ministry count for eternity.

PUSHING FORWARD WITH WATER

Another major challenge has been our water supply. We are not yet connected to the city's water system because that

also requires permits, trenching, and installation by the city. We estimate that this project will cost approximately \$18,000. In the meantime, we have had to purchase water from water trucks, and the expense has been tremendous.

Since this is the first church property we have ever owned, many of these challenges are completely new to us. We will not be able to begin the water project until we finish the electrical project, so we are simply taking it one project at a time and trusting God for each need.

PUSHING FORWARD IN REACHING PEOPLE

One of the most exciting things is that, even though we have faced so many uncomfortable circumstances, God continues to bring visitors to our church, and we continue to see souls saved!

We believe that once we get through the extreme summer heat, many of the contacts and visitors who have attended will begin coming more consistently. Some have simply not been able to endure the heat, especially our elderly people, for whom these conditions have been particularly difficult.

Because of this, our spirits are high! We believe that as the temperatures begin to drop, our attendance will begin to rise again. Please pray for those who have been saved in our church services, for the many



BIBLE INSTITUTE

visitors who have attended, and for those who have been led to Christ through our Saturday soul-winning efforts. Pray that we will be able to follow up with them, disciple them, and see them become faithful members of the church.

PUSHING FORWARD IN THE MINISTRY

Much of our normal church calendar has had to be placed on hold because the extreme heat limits what we can do on the property. However, the ministry has not stopped.

We continue holding our regular services on Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night. We continue going soul winning on Saturdays.

Because of our present circumstances, our Christian school is operating on a hybrid schedule. The students attend classes physically twice a week and complete their work online on the other days.

Our Bible Institute also continues moving forward, with classes three times each week.

We are committed to continuing to further the Gospel, regardless of the challenges that may be ahead. Obstacles may change how we do the work for a season, but they will not stop us from doing the work.

Thank you again for your prayers and your sacrificial giving to our family and ministry. As we continue reporting to you about what God is doing here, our desire is that you will always know that we are doing



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our very best to be faithful with the opportunity and investment God has given us through you.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Property Projects

Please pray for the completion of our electrical and water projects. We also desperately need to build classrooms for our children's ministry. At the moment, our children are meeting in an open area in one corner of the building. Pray that God will provide the resources necessary for us to continue improving the property and making it more usable for ministry.

2. Updated Technology

If anyone has older Mac computers that are no longer being used, we could put them to good use in our ministry. Even if they need some repairs or upgrades, we can often adapt them for use in our church, Christian school, or Bible Institute.

3. Souls and Visitors

Please pray for those who have recently trusted Christ, for the visitors who have attended our services, and for the people we have reached through soul winning. Pray that we

can faithfully follow up with them and see them grow in the Lord.

4. Strength to Keep Pushing Forward

Please pray that God will continue to give our family and church people wisdom, strength, and faith as we face each new challenge. We know that the work is worth it, and we are excited about what God is preparing for the future.

Thank you for standing with us in ministry. We are pushing forward, and we are thankful to know that you are pushing forward with us through your prayers and support!

In Christ,
The Montañó Family



FOOD ACTIVITY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR ELECTRIC PROJECT



SOFIA SERVING IN THE FOOD ACTIVITY



ANNA AND CAMILA IN THEIR SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS



LUIS AND SOFIA SINGING A SPECIAL



SHARING THE GOSPEL AFTER SERVICE