# The Steps of a Goodman

*Goodman Family Prayer Letter* *Psalm 37:23-24* *Reporting for July – September 2026*

## 10 Days in Morelia

As I begin these lines, I am in my study in Morelia. I am back in Mexico for 10 days checking up on things and visiting the church here. My youngest son, Stephen, is with me. My oldest son, Daniel, also met up with us here. This past Sunday (Sept 27) was a wonderful day. Bro. Josue taught Sunday School, I preached the morning service, Daniel preached the afternoon service, and Stephen preached in Jr. Church. After the service, a dear lady by the name of Kristina followed the Lord in believers' baptism and joined the church. Between the morning and afternoon services, we had a meeting with the church to update them on our plans for when we return in January. It was great to see everyone, and I believe we were all encouraged and edified. I'm glad to report that all is going well in the church in our absence. There is a faithful group of people that is not just "holding down the fort," but rather advancing. God is very good!







## An Unexpected Tragedy

Death does not usually announce its seemingly untimely approach. On the Saturday of our visit to Morelia, the son-in-law of a couple that regularly attends our church, was tragically killed in an accident. The semi-truck that Martin was driving apparently had a brake failure. As he approached a toll booth, he could not stop. His semi plowed into a stopped car before it hit another semi and burst into flames. Martin was pronounced dead at the scene. No one wants or expects tragedies. Most of the time they take us by surprise. I had no idea that I would be preaching a funeral during my short visit. But, after our Sunday morning activities, I hurried to the funeral home to comfort the family and preach the Gospel. Martin had heard the Gospel in our church, and I was relieved to hear that he had a testimony of having recently trusted Christ as his Savior. We pray that those who heard the Gospel at the funeral will be saved and that God will comfort the bereaved. Please pray for all the people that were affected by this tragedy. Martin leaves behind a wife and four young children. I have never had to wonder why God sent us to Morelia. Precious people there need to hear the Gospel before it is too late. May we all be a witness wherever God has placed us!



## Missions Is Real People II

*The following testimony was written for you…our supporters:



"Hello, brothers and sisters! I am Gloria Hernández. Although I don't know you personally, I know that we are united by the love of Christ. I want to thank you for supporting our pastor these past 25 years, because if it weren't for your support, I don't know where I would be. I began attending the church in 2006, and since then, I have been faithful to the Lord, serving in whatever way I can. Right now, I teach children ages 2 to 4 in Sunday school. I thank God for missionaries who are willing to come to our country, Mexico, to preach the Gospel."

## Who…Other Than a Missionary?

It is the Lord who opened this furlough for us. I am still learning and marveling at His sovereign timing and providential placement as it relates to our lives and ministry. When we are stationed in Mexico, we try to do our best to serve Him and reach people. We pray constantly that God would use us there to bring many people to Himself…not only to salvation, but also to maturity, holy living and dedicated service. However, right now, the Lord has allowed us to be up here visiting churches in the U.S. and Canada. Who, other than a reporting missionary, has such opportunities to try to encourage pastors, to challenge people to love and serve the Lord, and to try to recruit more laborers for the harvest fields of souls!? What a great privilege and responsibility God is giving me on this furlough! Please pray that God will greatly use me and my family during this time. We so desire that God would use us to win souls, help His people, and to bring Him glory…both here and on our mission field!

## On the Home Stretch

Finishing this letter… I am now back from Mexico and into our last three months of meetings. We have been privileged to report in person and thank many of our supporting churches for the investment that they have made in our ministry over the years. We have also been able to visit several new churches. Some have been led by the Lord to partner with us, but ALL of them have been a blessing to us! Lord willing, we will be back to work in Mexico sometime in January. Please continue to pray for the Goodman family.

If any of you do not currently receive our prayer letter by email, please let us know. We would be happy to put you on our digital prayer letter mailing list

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