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"Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart:

wait, I say, on the LORD." - PSALM 27:14

Dear Pastors, Supporters, and Ministry Friends,

Waiting on the Lord during this global pandemic is one of the most difficult things I have experienced as a Missionary. My tendency during this crisis has been to react and to try to resolve things my own way. I believe that the word "wait" in this and other passages means we are to "pause and wait for further instructions". Sometimes God is silent for a season, but he has his purpose. I am finding it takes more strength and character to "wait" than to frantically seek my own solution.

Even though I do not understand why we've been restricted from crossing the border up until this point, the Bible is clear that I am to submit to the authorities (Rom 13) unless doing so would violate God's clear commands. We are hoping that the restrictions will be lifted soon (supposedly on Aug 21st although subject to change), and that we'll soon be able to return to Juarez and continue the ministry that God has been so gracious to allow us to be a part of.

Until then we will continue to "wait" confident that the Lord's timing and way are perfect. I have been able to help a few pastors and churches on the U.S. side of the border with visitation and soulwinning as well as preach the gospel at a funeral, so waiting does not mean doing nothing, but we do long for a return to normal.

I have been able to remain in contact with all the pastors during this time and even though I haven't been physically present with them, it is a great blessing to see them being faithful to God and leading their churches through this difficult time. Juarez has really been hard hit by COVID and now has at least 698 deaths (more than many U.S. States). The restrictions about meeting in person have eased a little bit but we are still limited to 25% capacity with no classes and Masks and other precautions are mandatory.

Iglesia Bautista Castillo Mio, Pastor Pedro Gutierrez — The crisis has caused severe financial hardship on many of the church members. Normally, the average income is less than \$75/week. Many factories, restaurants, stores, and other businesses have been closed or restricted which leads to little or no income and no unemployment or stimulus help. Pastor Pedro was led of the Lord for the church to give a love offering of 1000 pesos to each family to help them during this time. It was gratefully received by each family. This was an idea that came from them and their money was given. Praise the Lord!

Christmas Jacket Give-Away – Each year we hold a special evangelistic event where we give out jackets to the people that need them. Last year we were able to give over 160 jackets! Before the giveaway there is an evangelistic service for both children and adults. Last year Kelly and I were able to work with the adult group and there were more than 2 dozen that made a profession of faith! Would you help with this year's event? Just collect some new or lightly used jackets and coats and donate them by December 1st. Maybe you have some tucked away in closets? Maybe you could pick some up at a thrift store or garage sale? With your help we could reach even more with the gospel. We focus the jackets on children and youth, (it brings families) but any sizes are welcome.

<u>Prayer Requests</u>: Please continue to pray the Churches and the Seminary! We would like to be able to fully resume all our activities and classes. Pray for Protection, Wisdom and Guidance. Pray that God would give us souls and more laborers for his Glory!

Looking for that blessed hope and glorious appearing! (soon)