



## FROM IGLESIA HOGAR

### In Oaxaca, México

Beloved family in Jesus Christ our Savior,

We begin this new year with great gratitude to our Heavenly Father and wishing in our hearts that God may be the first place in our lives, our families, and our church, totally trusting that everything else will come in addition during this 2024. The first Sunday of the year, we began with a very significant dynamic for everyone. We lit a candle, and as we passed it from hand to hand, we expressed some gratitude to God for the past year and made a wish for ourselves and our spiritual family. Everyone's wish was the verse of Matthew 6:33: *"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."* It is also our prayer for you, our family in Christ, that we may continue together during this year, seeking and serving the Lord with all our heart and strength.



Brother Tello passing the candle

Every Wednesday night, we meet to remember you and your churches in our prayers. It is a time of prayer and supplication to our God where in the powerful name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we all say, "We need you, Lord."



Prayer Meeting

In the state of Oaxaca, like many parts of the world, people celebrate many evil things. On a walk we had through downtown last week, we were able to observe a celebration that people had for death and demons. It is very sad to see spiritually blind people doing things that offend and sadden our Lord Jesus Christ. It is necessary to continue making efforts to share the gospel of salvation to more people. Everything we do for the Kingdom of God is very valuable.





Celebration of death and demons

For this reason, we love to be encouraged in service by spiritual family who visit us. This is the case of Ivan and Wendy and their team from Mexico City, who came to Oaxaca to celebrate Ivan's birthday but also to spend a Sunday with us, sharing the Word of God and being of great encouragement to the families. We are excited about the plans that God allows us to make to collaborate together during 2024.



The church with our friends, Ivan and Wendy

In the church there is a young couple, Abisai and Sarahi, who are about to have their second baby. A few days ago, my wife organized a welcome party for the baby. Karina made a cake for the party and prayed for Sarahi and the baby. It was a very blessed time, having fellowship and listening to the Word of God together. We are very happy for this couple because last year they went through very difficult times as a married couple and were very close to separating. Abisai worked as an officer in the Mexican National Guard on the border between Mexico and the United States, but his job was very far from Oaxaca. The distance caused them both a lot of problems, so despite their fears of leaving work and not having a secure salary to support his family, Abisai preferred to resign and return to his family and save his marriage. The story of Abisai reminds me a little of my history and it touches my heart with what people suffer. Now Abisai is very worried about the expenses of the arrival of the new baby because his salary from his job making bricks is not enough. I want to ask for your help and generosity to give a special offering for this family. I have told them that God will provide. Help us be part of God's response to Abisai and Sarahi.



Abisai and Sarahi

The Word of God says that we rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep (Romans 12:15). The last couple weeks we weep with two families from Iglesia Hogar / Home Church. Sister MariCarmen's husband, who lived and worked in the United States, died of a heart attack. It took two weeks for his body to return to Oaxaca and, when the time came, we were able to accompany our sister MariCarmen in that difficult moment for her. God has sustained her. Brother Miguel and I led a memorial service and the sermon was titled: "Where We Go When We Die," and family and friends who are not Christians listened attentively. Thank God for this opportunity to share the message of salvation to people.



Miguel leading the service

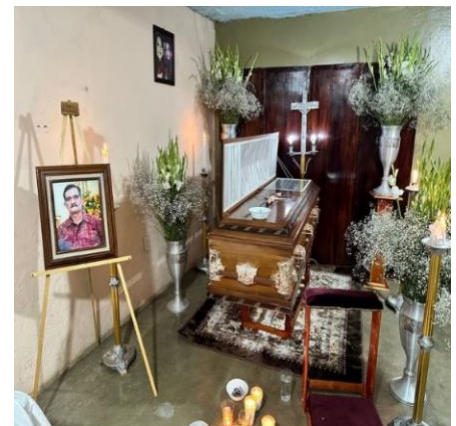


David sharing the Word of God



Sister MariCarmen

A few days ago, our Lord Jesus Christ also called our beloved brother Fernando to his presence. For several months Brother Fernando was struggling with his health after receiving the news that one of his oldest sons was kidnapped and murdered by drug traffickers. That made him very sad. Even so, our brother Fernando along with his little daughter Fernanda (Fey), a little over a year ago, made the step of obedience and were baptized as a testimony of their faith in Jesus Christ. With that same conviction of his faith in our God, brother Fernando also presented his youngest and only daughter (Fey) before God in the church. Now she has been left under the care of an aunt because her mother was murdered a little over four years ago when Fey was four years old. Please remember Fey in your prayers. . . may our God protect and bless her. Some sisters from the church and I were able to accompany the family in this difficult time. Our brother Fernando now enjoys the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ face to face. Here, his earthly and spiritual family will miss him.





Memorial service for brother Fernando



Fernando, Fey, and Pastor Charlie



Fernando and Fey being baptized



Fey's presentation to the Lord

Although my momentary feelings are bittersweet, the Holy Spirit ministers to my life, my family and my church. I thank you very much for your prayers for Oaxaca Iglesia Hogar ministries. Without a doubt, you are a great blessing from God for all of us. My comfort and confidence is knowing that in everything and above all, heaven rules.



To God be the glory!



God bless you,  
Lopez Family



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