



My Redeemer Christ Can Deliver (M.R.C.C.D.)

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We are so grateful for all the prayers that you have lifted up on behalf of our family and the ministry. As we mentioned from our last letter that we have seen an increase in a number of different sicknesses, but on the other side of things we have seen an increase of God's hand working in the lives of those that have truly repented and turned back to Him. Below are some praise reports and some new prayer requests:

Praise Reports:

- We give thanks to God for allowing us to complete 27 years (Since January 1996) of ministering to the people here in the Sierras.
- We are so thankful for those that have been so faithful throughout all these many years to support the work here and for those that have recently come on board to financially help us with your prayers and gifts – thank you ever so much! We take every financial gift – no matter the amount – very seriously and we know that we are and will be held accountable to God how we administer them. May God so richly bless each and every one of you!!!!
- Crystal and Cassandra are in their 12th of 14 semesters in their career of becoming doctors. They have delivered babies, suturing cuts and closing up after surgeries that they have assisted in. (To our amazement they haven't even passed out – not like I would have!



Crystal to the left assisting in her first delivery - she had so much fun and then her stitching a young man's arm from a knife fight. Also I included a picture with her boyfriend, Carlos. He loves/fears God, has been on a worship team for 7 yrs., speaks great English, is a financial advisor for one of the largest companies in MX, and has his own computer business.

They've been seeing each other for almost a year now and we would appreciate prayers as they further their relationship and to see God's will for them.



Cassandra to the left is assisting a doctor in putting in a catheter and to the right she is also doing her very first delivery. She was excited to be part of such a fascinating moment. Daniel takes very few pictures of himself so he was able to receive this from one of his coworkers.



- Daniel is in his 8th of 10 semesters of becoming a Registered Nurse. He has been serving in different areas at the same hospital that the girls are in and has gone from bathing/changing newborns, giving medication, and assisting the nurses that are over him. One thing they have all mentioned is that they put in much time filling out paper work on each patient!
- We are grateful for Mark's great-nephew (Gavin) from Alaska that stayed with us during the month of January. I was a little on the nervous side because he is allergic to tree nuts so every label had to be checked before the meal was prepared. Praise God he survived!
- Saturday's we continue to be in the middle of the town doing projects with the children and visiting with those that come by our booth. (Similar to a flea market.) We are so thankful to God for those that we have made contact with-many of whom we haven't seen in a long time because of the decisions and heartaches they have gone through while walking away from God.
- Our assistance Pastor Armando Gomez has improved greatly in regards to the side effects caused by Parkinson.
- That the church service continues to grow – last week it was very cold and we weren't expecting many, but to our amazement there were about 65 – including children.



Daniel is playing the base guitar while Fidel leads in worship. Please read the prayer request below for Fidel's wife, Obdulia.

- Emeterio, just got out of a 3-month Christian alcohol rehab center and is doing great! He shared this past Sunday how he was so thankful to God for giving him another chance of living and thanked us numerous times in front of the congregation for encouraging him to enter the center; which was the last place he wanted to be. He is so happy about being back with his wife, three children, and his grandbaby. His time went by so quickly because the owners of the center saw that he had such a desire to quit drinking, that they assigned him a lot of responsibility which in turn helped pass his time very rapidly.
- Yolanda, (66 years old) has now been on a dialysis machine for about five months and the doctors have seen improvement towards her health.
- Nicole (2 year old that had her eye removed because of a cancerous tumor) has recovered great and seems to have adapted well to her glass eye. She had to undergo another round of chemo just to make sure that no other cancer cells were present. At this moment of time it doesn't appear that her other eye got affected but she will continue to see the doctors for the next couple of years. Please continue to pray for Claudia (mother-off to the right) because the father of her two children, left them about a year ago so she has had to deal with the surgeries and appointments with the help of her sisters and mother.
- The 50 year old that tried to commit suicide is doing well and her son just had another baby. She hasn't returned to church yet but she has mentioned how grateful she is to God for sparing her life!



Prayer Requests:

- For our continual safety as we travel – either to visit the kids in Chihuahua – or trips to the states to pick up supplies. If Daniel isn't working on the weekends he continues to drive back to San Juanito. The last 40 minutes before entering into San Juanito is very dangerous because of all the curves and steep hills. There have been numerous accidents over the years because of drivers passing on a curve or as they are going up a hill. (Believe it or not we have seen numerous busses passing as they went up the hills.) Mark and Daniel have had some very close calls and we are so grateful for God for his protection.
- For prayer against spirits of anxiety, depression, diabetes, memory lost, alcoholic and drug addictions, suicidal thoughts, etc.
- Continue to pray for the family of two (brothers) main drug lords here in San Juanito. We continue to visit them from time to time and just recently their parents invited us to attend their granddaughter's quinceañera (15th birthday party) on the 11th of March. Please pray that God gives us opportunities to win souls for Him.
- For all those involved in the drug/tree wars, that they will come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
- Healing for the families whom have lost loved ones by the hands of the drug lords: Families such as Emma Zamarron - three sons, Baltazar Castillo - a son, Macario Castillo - a son, Lupe Cruz - a son, Rosa Castillo – a son, Clemente Banda – a son, Rosa Castillo – a son, Ramona Barrera – two sons and a husband, Maria – two sons, Eber Perez – a brother and his brother's son (his nephew), shot at the same time – just went out to collect fire wood. The list goes on and on . . . just a few that came to our minds.
- For Moises (17 years old) Javier (32) Angel (35) that have been kidnapped by the drug lords to work for them. They have been gone for almost two years and the families haven't heard anything from them. (Well at least that is what we are told.) Since their bodies haven't been found we are only believing that they are being forced to work.
- Continue to pray for Omar, Luis, Ramon, Amelia, Teodoro, Nancy, Oscar, Anselmo, Manuela, Graciela, Estela, Lupe, Francisca, Adan, Nidia, and others that have fallen away from their faith in God. That they will repent with a broken heart and realize how much Jesus loves them!
- A brother in our church Fidel (worship leader–61 years old–plays the guitar unbelievably well) back in November found out that his sister had cancer of the uterus and just recently she passed away. Now his wife (Obdulia) found out last week after the removal of her gallbladder and followed by many tests that her gallbladder and liver have been affected by cancer. She will be starting chemo sometime in March. Pray that God grant her not only spiritual but physical strength for her to go through it all. Pray for her daughter Sandra, as she will be with her mom throughout all her treatments and for her husband Fidel – that his faith will be strong to carry his wife through this very difficult and challenging situation.



Fidel at his 60th birthday party that his wife Obdulia surprised him with in November.



Obdulia leaving the hospital after having her gallbladder removed.

Thank you for allowing us to be your hands and feet to the people here in San Juanito!
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