

Dear brothers in Christ,

11.5.23

We hope everyone is well and looking forward to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. This past summer was a time of many activities and events with the arrival of more immigrants from Colombia to the state of Oregon that began last year. The first group of them that arrived in 2022 (3 families), 2 of these families have come to believe in Jesus Christ and have been baptized, the other continue to arrive at church meetings but we still cannot assure that they have given their lives To the Lord, please pray for the salvation of Deiby and Mafer. All these couples were unmarried when they arrived, but after believing and studying the Word of God, the Lord has brought conviction to their lives to unite in marriage and they have done so, evidence of the fruit of the Spirit in their lives and we thank God for His work in them. These same families have been receiving other relatives and friends who continue to arrive from Colombia and with great enthusiasm they have shared the gospel with many, this not only with words because those who knew them before can testify that there has been a notable change in their lives. . This has opened the door for us to be able to have evangelistic Bible studies with some of them. With some of them we began sowing the seed, but the distractions of this world (the American dream) have dried them up, but another part of the seed seems to have fallen on good soil and we continue studying the Word of God with them in the hope that come to believe in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Currently (I, Alejandro) am studying with Eduardo, also Colombian and a relative of Steven and Alejandra who have come to trust in Christ. He is a young man of about 27 years old; he has shown a lot of interest in studying the Bible and has been faithful in attending the studies we have during the week. Please pray for him so that he can clearly see the salvation that Jesus offers him. Also Adriana and I started another evangelistic study on Saturdays with Steven's mother (Esperanza) and her husband (Adiel), they arrived in the summer and have been attending the services on Sundays and the other studies that we have during the week as a church. We also ask for your prayers so that the distractions of this world do not cause them to stray and put their trust in our Lord Jesus Christ.

About a month ago, Ramiro, whom we have known since our arrival in Eugene (10 years ago), came to the service for the first time. He has a jewelry business inside a well-known Mexican grocery store and we had already shared the gospel with him on several occasions but he had confessed that he went with the Jehovah's Witnesses. One of the brothers from the church, upon visiting the Mexican store, spoke to him again about Christ and invited him to come to the church service on Sunday, he accepted and went and since then, I have begun to study the Bible with him every Tuesday. . He has confessed to us that on many occasions, several people had shared the gospel with him but he had ignored them, until now. God has his time for each person. Let us pray for Ramiro's salvation and for God to awaken the interest of his wife and children to want to know the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are about to finish a Bible study that we started a long time ago with Stefany, she is from El Salvador. She has professed to be a believer, and has also shared with us, her desire to be baptized and married soon. She just had her first baby, after many years of waiting, and the Lord has given her this blessing.

Our women's and men's studios have been growing in number! We continue to meet every Thursday (women) and Fridays (men) every fortnight. The meetings are in our homes, where each family has a constant opportunity to offer their home, to have our study, fellowship and refreshment at the end. It has been a great joy to see how everyone wishes to participate voluntarily and with joy in this privilege. We have also been able to see and thank God for the spiritual growth in their lives. Having greater fidelity and maturity. Adriana directs the women's group and has long begun to involve some faithful women to lead studies periodically. All with the purpose of preparing them, to continue teaching other women in the future, and to offer spiritual guidance and advice to each of them.

Our group of children has also grown quite a bit! We now have three groups and another large group of new babies in the IBE family. We have already had three baby showers this year, and one, a little before the start of the year. In each of them we have sought to prepare advice and Biblical teachings to encourage them in their role as mothers and their dependence on the Lord. For our children's classes we do not have our own place, but God in his goodness who provides everything; has kindly allowed us to borrow some rooms in the building next door (School for children with autism) so we can teach every Sunday. Also in this area Adriana has been organizing and involving several of the women to support the teaching of the children.

Some of our women have small group studies with Adriana, sometimes supported by our daughters Karen and Pamela. Whether with young girls or young mothers who want to learn to guide and raise their children in the Lord.

In other news, I have begun a Biblical Elder Leadership study with most of the men in the congregation. The study is based on the passages of 1 Tim. 3 and Titus 1 where the qualifications are found for those who aspire to be elders and deacons within the church. One of the most important goals of our work, with our Lord's guidance, is to establish a plural leadership of elders and deacons. I don't know how long the Lord determines for us to carry out that task. You can help us by praying for each of these men, that the Lord would give them the desire, the heart, and the integrity so that one day they may serve as elders and deacons in this church in Eugene. Several of these men are now teaching on Sundays periodically and sharing during the Lord's Supper, with increasing faithfulness and humility.

During this year we have also been fortunate to have several visits, whether from family, friends or collaborators in the work. Thank you for your encouragement and support for the work here in Eugene.

Our family camp, which we had in September, was one of great encouragement and edification. We continue to learn, in the organization and details to improve each year. We give thanks for

the collaboration of all the families who teach us and support us with this ministry. Especially the great and exciting help we had this year, with the teaching of the children, from John Mark Norris of Cannon Beach. John Mark was excellent, thank you very much!!

The visit and teachings of our great friends and teachers from Mexico were a great blessing! Thank you for your love, service, example and dedication to Christ! We were also fortunate and blessed to have the presence of two of our sisters, who battle and fight every day, with cancer and we thank God for giving them the strength, desire and encouragement to come and share this time with us. We ask for your prayers for Liz Axotla (Medford) and Eusebia López (Cannon Beach).

We want to share with you among all this news, that the church that lent us the place to congregate and hold some of our meetings, has now asked us to leave, since they plan to rent this part as well, to the school for autistic children. The rent they are asking for is too high for us to pay. We have until August 2024 to find a new place. Please pray with us that the Lord will open a door for us somewhere else. The truth is that I am eager to see what the Lord has prepared for us!



Men's Group



*Steffany and Xiomara
(from El Salvador)*



*Baby
showers*



(Left) Our group of little ones. Now missing three of these little girls: Kathy, Kiara and Cassandra Méndez who are now living in Mexico. (Center/left). Valeria, Brianna, Pamela and Josie: some of our young ladies with whom we are forming bonds of friendship and growth in Christ. (Center/right) Valeria (12) and Salomé (9) (Colombia) with whom Adriana is studying on Wednesdays, introducing them to the knowledge of Our Lord and His Word. (Right) Karen and Lucely who along with Adriana are studying how to raise their children in The Lord.

We have had the privilege of having José, Kelly and Beau Medina from Medford here in Eugene (L) (Right) Juan Carlos (Alejandro's cousin) and Karla Gómez from Mexico

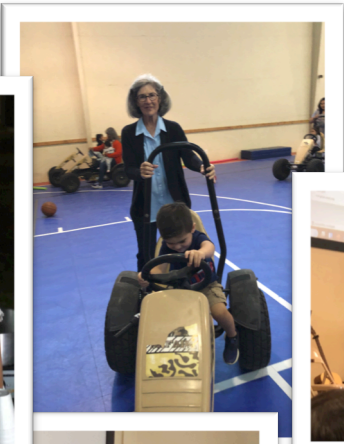
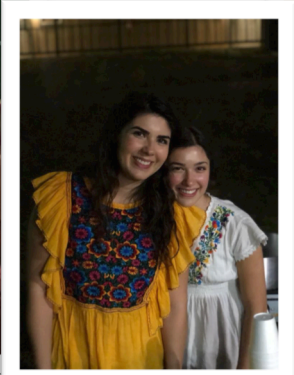
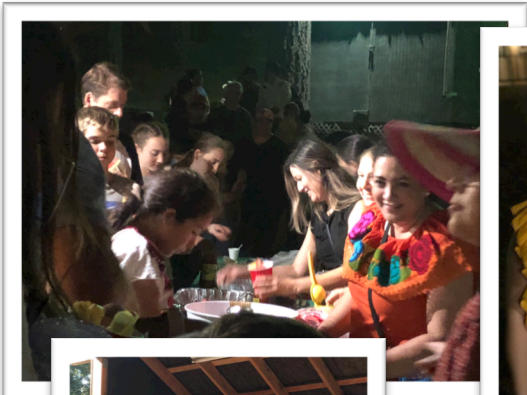


Of great encouragement and edification for the Church. We enjoyed a nice time of fellowship with each of them.

Men's and women's groups



Some images from Our Family camp in September. We had a Mexican night this year with some Mexican appetizers!



In October we were blessed to be able to go to Mexico for two weeks, where we were able to visit our families, (and continue to take advantage of the opportunities to share with Adriana's family) and our beloved Church in Irapuato (where Alejandro was able to participate by sharing the teaching for two Sundays, as well as in the men's study. Adriana and Pamela were able to participate and support in some women's studies). We also took the opportunity to make appointments with some doctors. We thank God for this time and for giving us the gift of being able to attend the wedding of our beloved Isaac and Naomi!!



Sorry for the delay in writing what God has been working here in Eugene! The Lord is good and has given us the privilege of serving Him and witnessing how His Work has been growing! WE THANK GOD for each of you, our family in Christ, who are constantly praying for us, for your great support and offerings, your words of encouragement, advice and love that you always have for us.

In the love of Christ,
Chávez Family