



MEXICO



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Salvation Testimony: About a week ago, in the small village of San Bartolo, a lady named Estrella opened her heart to the Lord and got saved. She publicly gave testimony of her salvation, and then mentioned of her desire to get baptized. What a joy this was for all of us! Estrella has been coming to church for at least six months now, and has finally made a decision to believe in Christ and to follow Him.

Baptisms: Last month two young people got baptized (Alex and Denisse). It was amazing to see them obey God's command to be baptized. It is also my delight to inform you that both teens have decided to begin discipleship lessons with my wife and I. Glory to God!

Youth Meetings: The youth in our town are being tormented by drugs, alcohol, and riotous living. It has been my burden to see them come to Christ and experience a new life in Him. With that said, a couple of months ago we stepped out by faith and started monthly youth meetings. When we started, we only had three or four teens coming to the church. Now, by God's grace, we have eight teens coming to church, and have had up to eleven teens show up to our youth meetings!

Spiritual Growth: A man recently asked me, "Brother Stephen, how is the ministry going in Mexico?" I considered his question, and then answered, "About a month ago, after the church service, a brother came up to me and asked if he and one of the teens could cut the church lawn. Before this, I had always done it myself. A couple minutes later, a lady came up and asked if she could cook a meal for the kids activity that was soon coming up. I was not even planning on having food for this activity, so this request came completely from her heart. In other words, the people in our small congregation are beginning to develop a giving and serving heart. This is absolutely amazing! Therefore, I personally believe the ministry here in Mexico is doing well. Yes, we have a long ways to go spiritually, but I am seeing much progress and spiritual growth in our midst!"

Our Family: On behalf of our family, thank you for your love, support, and prayers. My wife has been my faithful supporter and companion in the ministry and has been doing a fantastic job teaching the kids in Los Ramones and San Bartolo. She is also an amazing mother to our two, young boys. Speaking of which, this coming Monday our son Stephen Daniel will be turning 5 years old and little Timothy will be turning 3 on November 25th. Both boys are growing so fast! They certainly bring so much joy to our lives. God is good! Thank you again for being a part of our ministry. If you would like to stay more connected to our ministry, please follow our Facebook ministry page called "The Villarreal Family in Mexico."

The Facebook link is <https://www.facebook.com/thevillarrealfamily>.

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