

Prayer Letter for David and Tule Cox in Mexico City

December 2023



Our Work

We continue to march forward in the ministry here in Mexico City. Our people are kind of depressed between all the sickness in our church, the economic downturn, the lasting effects of Covid (thinking that attending church is some kind of “extra” and not part of the daily Christian life), and now the Haitian immigrants. We are seeing the Haitians becoming about a 10% to 20% of the population here. They are everywhere, always talking on their cell phones, sitting on the sidewalks, making long lines at the ATMs, and beginning to shop in the stores and markets, as well as some that speak Spanish in working. This week we saw a picture straight from California, with tents on the sidewalks, and people cooking on small grills on the sidewalk. The community where we are simply doesn’t have room to take them in. They don’t have enough money to rent places to live, nor are they looking for work. They are living in the open air. So, it is a quandary what is going on. We wonder where are they getting money from through those ATMs? The rumors are that it is coming from the Mexican government, and others say the United States is sending it through the Mexican government. **Pray that we can reach some of these people with the gospel.**

Luz’s operation on her breast cancer is scheduled for Monday, December 11, but she now has a bad cold, and sinus congestion. So, we are praying that she gets over this before the operation and doesn’t complicate things. The good news on **Genoveva** is that she has gone from 3 dialyses per week to two. Please pray for their finances. **Isabel** has heart problems and diabetes, but also a tumor in her brain. She has been coming to the services although she has problems with dizziness. **Juan Roblero** is recovering and may start coming back to the services soon. His wife comes every Sunday. **Jose Luis** has returned to our services. He came from another Baptist Church in our area, but our church is closer to his home, and since he has some physical problems now, he finds it is closer and easier to attend our services.

I continue in **translating some few of my tracts into Creole**. I have contacted a missionary to Haiti, Jimmy Pierre under Baptist World Mission, that was born there, and hopefully he will correct the grammar. Another pastor friend here has requested that I send him the document files for the tracts that I have in Creole, and his church plus another church in the area are printing them on a computer printer and distributing them in their evangelism efforts. **There is a great need here for missionaries who speak Creole** or are called to these people to come and work with them.

Our people continue to give out tracts in Spanish and Creole. Our church now only has about 20 to 30 people each week, but we continue to work in the Lord’s orchard to do what we are able. **Pray for us.** We ask for your prayers. **The best thing for depression is when you forget about your own problems, commit and leave them with God, begin to minister to others,** so I am trying to **focus our church on reaching out to more people here in our area.** We need to grow our church. We continue to pray for various families and individuals that have just dropped out of church altogether, some going back to Covid years. We try to contact them and visit them, but many of them seem impossible to talk with about their need to attend church. Pray for us please.

The great cry of our day is work, work, work, organize, organize, give us some new society, tell us some new methods, devise some new machinery; but the great need of our day is prayer, more prayer and better prayer. Torrey, *The Power of Prayer and the Prayer of Power* Page 190.

*I think it would be perfectly safe to say, that the church of Christ was never in all its history so fully and so skillfully and so thoroughly and so perfectly organized as it is today. Our machinery is wonderful, it is just perfect; but alas it is machinery without power; and when things do not go right, instead of going to **the real source of our failure, our neglect to depend upon God and to look to God for power,** we look around to see if there is not some new organization we can set up, some new wheel that we can add to our machinery. We have altogether too many wheels already. What we need is not so much new organization, some new wheel, but “the Spirit of the living creature in the wheels.”* R. A. Torrey, *The Power of Prayer and the Prayer of Power* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1924, 1971), page 16.

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