

THE ORTIZ FAMILY

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APRIL 2024 MISSIONARIES TO MEXICO CITY



MINISTRY NEWS

**THEOLOGY, THEOLOGY,
THEOLOGY!**

CHURCH PLANTING

**GRAND OPENING THIS
MONTH!**

OUR FAMILY

**OLDER KIDS MEANS EVEN
MORE RESPONSABILITES!**

THE SUFFICIENCY OF SCRIPTURE

Theology, theology, theology

I believe that theology is what the church needs desperately. Above anything else, theology provides the church with deep-rooted convictions (Mt. 4:20) that coupled with humility will equip believers to be witnesses of Christ. I am NOT talking about senseless theological disputes that poison the soul with a false pretense of piety. But I am arguing that Christians should strive to know God more deeply. That is why we held our 2024 conference, *"The Sufficiency of Scriptures."* What does this mean and how does it look in my day-to-day life? We sought to answer this and other questions. I believe that His Word, and His Word alone provides the wisdom that cannot be found anywhere else. We had **500 people** who came to the conference from various backgrounds and churches. I want our church to be a beacon for theological education, and this is one of many efforts that I am personally engaged with. On Easter Sunday we had **460 people** and **10 baptisms!** It was a sweet time of worship and Gospel presentation. It is amazing to see the church's growth, both spiritually & numerically.

Church Planting

The big day is coming! We have set April 21 to be the grand opening of our **fourth church plant** in the last eight years since we arrived in Mexico! We are nervous, excited, humbled, but most importantly, grateful that God has allowed us to plant one more church. San Juan del Río (the name of the town) is a growing city in Querétaro with close to 300,000 people. A few years ago, a group of people called me asking us to plant a church there. They had been "attending" our church virtually, but they understood the importance of a local church. San Juan del Río is three hours away from Mexico City, and we will be starting this church through pastor Alberto and Maricarmen. We have trained him and prepared him for this. Please pray for growth, health and wisdom.

Our Family

Would you please take a second to pray for our children and marriage? We are not "special," and often face difficulties, fears, and sinful habits that displease God. I want to be *above reproach*. I want my kids and wife to see integrity and purity. Please pray that above everything else that I do, God would help me to see that my main priority is my family and their spiritual nourishment--that is my real job.



Theology Conference, March 2024

PICTURES IN MEXICO CITY

1. Newest Church Plant, San Juan del Río

On Saturdays, for the last several weeks, we have been studying the Bible in preparation for our grand opening. Around 20 people come faithfully, and are eager to soon have a local church in their area.

2. Baptisms!

Every month we have baptisms, but this March was special because we had 10 baptisms on Easter Sunday! Indeed, it is the power of the Gospel!

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