

The Steps of a Goodman

Goodman Family Prayer Letter

Psalm 37:23-24

Reporting for October–December 2024

Ministry of IBEB in 2024

Thank you for graciously and faithfully supporting the Goodman family and the Iglesia Bautista Esperanza Biblica in 2024. Through the year, we saw many people saved. Sadly, we only had a couple of people baptized. I won't lie, the lack of baptisms and that lack of commitment that I see in people is very discouraging. Although the church did not grow much in numbers through the year, we were glad to see internal growth in the church. We are thankful that there are people learning, growing, and going forward. One good sign of growth is that there are more people going out soul-winning with us. Some of them won their first soul to Christ this past year! We were also encouraged to see some of our people making good decisions...to be more faithful, to tithe, or to get involved in the ministry.

One of the biggest advances was with a young family, Miguel, Paty, and their little girl, Alisson. We discipled them throughout the whole year and have watched them grow. I am so thrilled to tell you that the Lord has put His "Call to Preach" on Miguel's life. He and his wife have a wonderful disposition that has allowed us to really guide them and invest in them. They are now working with us, and we are excited to see what the Lord will do in them and through them.

We also made great advances on our building project, thanks to the generosity of many of you. Although we have much work to do still, it is a tremendous blessing to have a roof on our building. This last rainy season was the heaviest in several years. We would not have been able to even meet in our building if it were not for the covering. We also were able to greatly improve our different areas, making them functional and apt for our use. On a side note, I had never been able to have an office at the church before. I now have a place at the church to pray, study, and to counsel people. I feel extremely grateful and blessed! We know that the Lord has given us this building for a reason. We intend to use it for His glory! We believe that as we work and pray, He will fill it.

We will continue to do our part and pray that the Lord will use us here...and in a greater way in the years to come. For many years now, we have plowed (Lk.9:62), planted and prayed. We are thankful for the fruit God has given us, but we believe that there is a greater harvest in the future (Psa. 126:3-6). I was sent to Morelia, not to plant flowers, but to plant "trees" (Isa. 61:1-3). God is good, and we look forward to what He will do!

Letter written by: Missionary Ron Goodman

Some of our Activities in the Last Part of the Year

-We held an "Israel Day" in our church on the 6th of October. We commemorated the innocent lives lost in Israel on Oct. 7th, 2023. I taught our church about the God of Israel and the Israel of God.

-I preached a Missions Conference for a good friend in Puebla. They used their international dinner as an evangelistic outreach to invite the community. We had 10 people saved that night!

-We hosted several visitors from Canada, the States, and other parts of Mexico in the last months of the year. Each one was a blessing to us and our church. Bro. Hart from Aguascalientes preached our church anniversary in November. We had the privilege of working with him when we first came to Mexico. We are thankful for his investment in us through the years.

Prayerful Plans for 2025

-Please pray for our Sunday School in this new year. We are hoping to see some real commitment to, and growth in the Sunday School ministry. In the kids classes, we are using a material that goes through all of the major Bible stories in three years. We are starting this cycle from the beginning again in February. We will be making an event of it...the "Great Reset of the Sunday School!" We are praying that God will bless these efforts and that parents will get their kids to church early.

-I am also trying something new this year in my adult class... "Sunday School²" or "Sunday School Squared!" I am giving the lesson notes to everyone in the class. The idea is that each student listens, takes some notes, and then teaches it to someone else during the week. I believe that it could yield multiple benefits if some of our people will get involved in it.

-We are starting another discipleship class in the end of January. It looks like we will have 8 to 10 students. Many of them need to be baptized and become more faithful to church. I am hoping that the informal and interactive class environment will allow us to build relationships in addition to learning the material.

-For a long time, we have had a burden for the little pueblos in our area. We have evangelized and done VBS programs in many of them, but have not seen lasting results. This year we are going to "cast the nets" again. We are praying that God will give us a family in each pueblo that will allow us to have Bible studies in their home. We hope to get that family coming to church and be able to use their house as a base in that pueblo to reach other families. Currently, we are working in Union de Progreso. Pray that God will bless us, use us, and give us fruit from these efforts.

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