

The Steps of a Goodman

Goodman Family Prayer Letter

Psalm 37:23-24

Reporting for January – March 2025

Casting the Nets Again

Our annual theme for the church usually starts with our anniversary in November and then goes through to the next November. This year our theme has been, “Launch out into the deep and let down your nets.” We are casting the same nets, from the same boat, in the same sea, and expecting God to do great things! We can cast the nets...only God can fill them.



We have always had a burden for the pueblos around our city of Morelia. This year, we have been going soul-winning during the week in Union de Progreso. We have had 6 professions of faith there, and two have visited the church. We have made several contacts out there, but there has been no real interest in coming to church. We will keep praying for them, but we are moving to another pueblito a little closer to our church called Pirules. In the last few years, we have had some kids saved in our VBS programs there. We are asking the Lord to give us some fruit from these pueblos. Please pray that the Lord will bless our efforts and fill our nets!

In February, we had the “Great Reset” of our Sunday School. We always hope to see the Sunday School grow through our evangelistic efforts, but the main goal of this “reset” was to try to get our church people to be more faithful and punctual to the Sunday School hour. I believe that it has been successful! There are at least five families that have been making a noticeable effort to be faithful to Sunday School...and on time! These families will see the benefit of it in the future. It is also a great encouragement to the teachers who pray, study, and teach the lessons each week.

In March we had our annual missions conference. A missionary that we support and have visited in Argentina was our guest speaker. We also had a Filipino missionary present his work...a Filipino man, who with his family, is starting churches here in Mexico! This year, I copied the idea of my pastor friend in Puebla and turned our International Dinner into an evangelistic event. We had several visitors and 4 people saved that night!



Whirlwind Trip

At the end of March, a pastor in eastern Oregon flew us up for his annual Missions Conference. It was a “whirlwind” trip, but we squeezed as much as we could out of it. In a little less than three weeks...We were in 4 states, spent over 30 hours driving, visited 7 churches, and I preached 17 times (including a couple of devotionals). My wife also spoke twice, and my son Stephen preached twice to the teens. We were thankful for the blessings!

Fruit from Time Gone by

Many years ago, I hired a 19-year-old girl named Claudia to help my wife with some of the housework. She worked for us only once a week to ease the load on my wife who was pregnant and also home-schooling our three young children. Claudia became very dear to us and continued to work for my wife on occasions over the years. Once our kids were bigger, we didn't need her as much and we lost touch with her for a while. In November of 2023 we ran into her in the plaza and renewed our contact with her. She cried and said that she thought we had forgotten about her. We assured her that that was not the case. Since then, we have been very conscious to keep in contact. Jeannie had witnessed to her many years ago and she prayed to accept Christ, but there was never much evidence that she really got it. Just this year, she has been coming to church with her three girls. Her oldest girl, Nelly, who is now 19 years old has been faithful to my wife's Sunday School class. In February, after a church service, she came to our house for lunch. Jeannie had the opportunity to witness to her and lead her to Christ! She was so excited and told us that she felt “relieved.” What a blessing it is to see fruit so many years later. Please pray that this family will continue to grow and go forward.



Some People We Are Working with...Pray for Them!



We're Back to Construction Again!!!

As I write these lines, there is a team of men working on our building. We are advancing again! I am hoping to advance as much as we can between now and the middle of summer. We hope to have things in good order for a week of VBS in our building this year. We now have plumbing in the kitchen which makes it fully functional. This week I hope to have a wall up to divide two offices and another wall to close off the kitchen. I will include a few pictures here so you can see the overall progress. Please pray for us for wisdom and safety in the work.



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