

Church of Christ San Miguel De Allende, Guanajuato

....The work of Ministry - Ephesians 4:12

Report for August and September, 2015

These two months have been very busy with evangelistic work, thanks be to God. In the month of August Brother Samuel Garcia and brother Victor Benitez came to visit us from Mission, Texas. Our brothers accompanied us to visit the churches in Queretaro, San Felipe , El Mastranto and San Miguel de Allende , where we were preaching messages of exhortation for the brotherhood. Their visit was full of encouragement for all the brethren, although they were here only a few days, their love to the Lord's work was contagious.

The church where they meet has been looking for ways to support the work in this region, and in particular have shown much interest in supporting our brother J. Carmen, who is the founder of the Church of Christ in El Mastranto. Brother Carmen has been forced to leave El Mastranto and work in the United States for economic reasons. The church in Texas, has made committed partially support him so he can meet some of his needs, but above all so he can continue preaching the gospel; he is the only male in this congregation. They have also found support for our brother Alberto, a member of the congregation at St. Nicholas of the Augustinians of Salvatierra Guanajuato. He helps with the preaching there but our brother now suffers from epilepsy, and it is impossible for him to keep preaching the word of God and work for a living. His medical treatment is very expensive and he needs permanent support for the medicine.

There have been a number of debates with brethren from "institutional" congregations as there was in their midst brothers who had been carried away by the false doctrine of institutionalism. We got our brothers from La Bolsa, Guanajuato to turn away from these brothers that showed no humility to follow the doctrine of Christ. Moreover although most of the "institutional" preachers don't want to continue these debates, a few still want to learn more and to remove all human ideas that have divided the church of God for decades in Mexico. We pray to God that these talks may end with positive developments. Now we have work to do to prepare brothers in La Bolsa, as they have requested my assistance to improve their work as a local church.

BROTHERS OF SAN JUAN DEL RIO are very glad for our effort to go and help out with the teaching, as they have been working with some people who were Jehovah's Witnesses, who are now meeting with them. I've been teaching about the deity of Jesus Christ, which was understandable to them. They continue to show interest in studying more about other doctrines taught by the Jehovah's Witnesses. We pray that God will open their hearts to obey the truth.

The church in San Felipe has been very understanding with us because for two weeks we could not be with them because of the work we were doing in La Bolsa. We thank Brother Carmen for his great effort to go to San Felipe to preach in our place.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN QUERETARO, has been struggling hard with immature attitudes and unstable members, who have misinterpreted biblical passages to justify their thoughts and carnal works. We are very sorry that some members have left the church, and one continues without communion with the church. These problems

have been growing for several years. After much discussion, considering the word of God and after exhortations with several faithful and spiritual brothers, they have decided to withdraw communion from a certain brother, and to stay away from the family until they come to repentance. It is noteworthy that the church is in the best position to help our brothers return quickly.

On another note, some members in Queretaro, the Albor family, are doing evangelistic work with people from their town, called "Sapote" and Apaseo El Alto, Guanajuato. They have kindly invited me to collaborate in their work. We started with great expectations, as there are good opportunities that the Lord's church can be established in these places. There are people interested in further study to know more about the truth. May the Lord open the doors in these places.

The church in San Miguel de Allende, has been through some very difficult issues. We are saddened because some of our brothers have departed from the truth since last year, and we struggled to get them back, but they were not willing. So their rebellion became public, and by now they are outside the communion of the church. We are also helping some brothers who have some addiction problems, and who have courageously recognized their fault. Pray to God that these problems will soon be solved, for the sake of those involved and the entire congregation. While we struggled, we also have opened new doors to preach the gospel and our visitors continue to attend meetings regularly.

The construction of the building, has advanced thanks to God and the brothers who willingly sent us help, and of course the extraordinary sacrifice that we all have made to repay the cost of the land on time each month, and build and contribute material so that the work will not stop. So far, progress is very significant because we finished the flooring of 80% of the building and have leveled 90% of the height, and have completed the roof over the two classrooms.



My wife Claudia , my children Carlos and Arely, thank you who make this work possible. "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To God and our Father be glory forever and ever. Which is in Christ Jesus our Lord , Amen" .
Philippians 4:19 , 20

Your brother in Christ Arturo Rojas