

**FAMILIA RIVAS ESPINOZA**  
**MISIONEROS EN EL ESTADO DE MÉXICO**

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Dear brothers In Christ,

We want to share with you the blessings that God has given us at this time, because we have clearly seen His hand acting in our lives and in the Ministry that God has placed in our hands. We will be dividing the letter into four sections.

**1. EVENTS WE HAD FROM DECEMBER TO MAY.**

A. December 18. God allowed us in the rehabilitation center to have people saved and baptized. 28 men decided to take the step of obedience.

B. December 24. CELEBRATION AND REMEMBER OF THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. We were celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, although we understand that it is not the date, but we remember that day. We had a Christmas cantata that people attended and were saved. We broadcasted it on Facebook and many people wished us a Merry Christmas just as we wish each of the churches and brothers a Merry Christmas, and may God continue to bless your lives.

C. December 31. THANK YOU FOR THE END OF THE YEAR. We ended the year with a special service in gratitude to our God for allowing us another year of life and also within the Ministry. In this special service, we thanked God by singing, adoring him, glorifying God, as well as praying to ask for God's blessing in the following year.

D. JANUARY 6. THREE KINGS DAY. We went to different poor communities where we distributed gifts and preached the Gospel. It was a special day since we saw happy children and above all they received Christ in their hearts.

E. FEBRUARY 13. FRIEND'S DAY. God allowed us to have a special event called "friend's day". We invited people to come and hear the Gospel. Thank God we had a very good day where people heard the Gospel and were saved.

F. March. The Lord Jesus Christ allowed us to continue with the discipleships in the rehabilitation center and the preparation for the baptisms that would take place in the month of April.

G. APRIL 10. MISSIONARY CONFERENCE. We had our missionary conference. We know that missions are important and we pray for missionary work. We believe it is important to have the missionary conference to continue encouraging the church and sharing the Gospel with each person.

H. APRIL 23. We had the great blessing of seeing people saved in the rehabilitation center and 18 people were baptized. We continue preaching and teaching them about the Word so that after they come out of rehabilitation, they can continue learning about God and soon they can join us in the mission.

I. APRIL 30 AND MAY 1. WE HAD THE CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATION. On Saturday the 30th, we had Bible clubs in different locations. In Texcoco, in the housing unit called "Pepsi", 40 people attended, including both children and adults, and praise God, the people received and accepted Christ in their hearts. In the San Lucas mission, we had 27 children, and it was a great blessing to see how those children that we are teaching can share the Word of God with others. In the Tecamac mission and in Ciudad Sahagún, the brothers invited us to celebrate Children's Day together in the Church. Thank God that on Sunday, May 1, God allowed us to see saved people and families who stayed in the church and as of a few weeks ago, these families continue to accompany us and are participating in discipleship so that they can soon be baptized.

J. MAY 8. CELEBRATE MOMS. God allowed us to honor our mother and to be able to have an event where we invited more women to join this celebration. All of us from the mission invited the mothers to celebrate. Thank God we had a good response and acceptance from the people and they were able to be with us. We had 24 mothers. In the first hour of the service, my wife, Lolita, led them in songs, games, thanksgiving and a time in the Word of God. In the second hour, we were all together for preaching where the message was "Christ and his dealings with women", talking about his behavior and his communication with women. After the service, we had a delicious meal for everyone, and we finished with a delicious cake and a prayer with thanksgiving for all the mothers and the enormous effort that they have made and continue to make for their children.

2. THE ADVANCEMENT IN THE MISSIONS. An important detail that I want to emphasize is that through the Ebenezer Baptist Mission, we have missions where we are expanding so that the Word of God reaches more people. The brothers of the different missions are members of the Ebenezer Baptist Mission, but they live in these mission areas and they help us to preach, share, win souls etc. The brothers who help in the different missions congregate every week at the Ebenezer Baptist Mission, where we have Sunday School services and preaching as well as a time of prayer and discussion regarding the progress and needs of each mission. If you have any questions, please contact our beloved Rodgers Baptist Church where those questions will be clarified. I will give a brief summary of the missions that we are working with:

C. MISSION IN TECÁMAC. We have had some services in the house of a brother, but it is a very small place and there is no room for children. We ask you to pray for the brothers who live in this area because they have had difficulties and attacks from the devil. On some occasions they have expressed that they have become discouraged, but we know that "Greater is he who is in us than he who is in the world". Thank God we have seen them be encouraged, and they continue to testify and preach of their faith. On Mother's Day they brought 6 new people as their guests. We ask them not to stop praying for us and for this mission so that there may be fruit and that it be fruit that remains.

D. MISSION IN SAN LUCAS. God has given us a group of 23 children, ages 4 to 12, who are being taught the Word of God every week. We thank God that the parents have given us permission to teach these children the Sound Doctrine. We have seen a very big change in these little ones, and we ask you to pray that God continues to help them in physical and spiritual growth. Also, pray that more children and people from the town can come to hear the Word of God. Every week we bring a snack such as sandwiches, cookies, juices, fruit, jelly, sweets, etc to these little ones. We ask for your prayers so that God provides us the supplies week after week to continue bringing these children some food. We also ask you to pray that their parents would show an interest in the Word of God and that soon they would begin to come to Church.

3. MEDIUM AND LONG TERM PROJECTS. Every month we want to be involved in some activity where all the brothers of the Ebenezer Baptist Mission integrate and grow spiritually. That is why I share with you our next projects so that you can help us with your prayers. Also if you would like to support us, you can do so by contacting our sending church Rodgers Baptist Church.

1. Vacation Bible Schools. Our goal is to have a Portable Summer Bible School with materials and articles that we need to take the Vacation Bible School to different towns and each of the missions. We hope to have a full day of Biblical teachings through songs, memory verses, Bible classes, and games. At the end, we would have a lunch for the children. At Ebenezer Baptist Mission we would have 3 days of Summer Bible Schools to end on Sunday with an event for all the children.

We ask for your prayers so that God can supply us with all the materials we need for the Summer Bible Schools:

Children's tables and chairs.

Two tents of 3 meters by 3 meters.

Two portable whiteboards.

100 cases for boys and girls, containing pencils, colors, erasers and a notebook. We will be giving them away on the closing day of the VBS.

Funds to rent two Inflatables - one for little kids and the other for big kids. It would be for the closing of the VBS.

**Carnival games rental.**

100 bags of Popcorn.

100 cotton candy bags.

Lesson material for teachers.

2. BIG DAY. The month of August is the month of the Bible and we want to celebrate it on the last Sunday of the month of August. Our challenge for the month would be to distribute 3,000 brochures throughout the month to end on the 28th with an attendance of 150 people where we will be giving them a New Testament. We ask for your prayers so that the event can take place and God supplies us for all the material that we wish to deliver.

3. MEXICAN NIGHT. September 15 is the date we celebrate Mexico's independence, but on that day we also take time to remember our liberation from sin through our Savior Jesus Christ who gave His life so that we could have eternal life. It is a day where we invite people to celebrate physical liberation with us, but it is also a time where the Gospel is shared with them so that they can be rescued from sin. At the end we will have a dinner with Mexican dishes for all our guests.

4. FAMILY. A VERY IMPORTANT ASPECT WITHIN THE MINISTRY. Brothers, I share with you again the joy that fills us knowing that my wife is pregnant and that to this day the baby is doing very well, thank God. At the beginning of the pregnancy, there were complications but our God has been so good to us and has given the baby well-being, Every month He has supplied us with medications, doctor's visits, studies, ultrasounds, etc. Thank God my wife feels good. Our daughter Esperanza prays for her little brother. We still don't know if it's a boy or a girl but my daughter calls the baby Leito, and she already wants him to be with us. My daughter is very pretty and very intelligent and is already in kindergarten. I ask for your prayers so that she can grow in stature but also in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, as well as for us so that we can get closer and closer to our God and thus receive wisdom from our God. A very important piece of information is that the due date is between October 15 and 20. Our brothers from our beloved Rodgers Baptist Church, like all the brothers who will be coming with the group to visit the Casa Hogar, will be able to see my pregnant wife and we will spend time with you. God first let it be done.

YOUR SERVERS,  
LEONARDO, LOLA Y ESPERANZA RIVAS  
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