

Mexico Missions
Covenant Baptist Church
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Dear Friends

Jan. 25, 2017

We are happy to report that the drawn-out purchase process of the building for our largest mission was concluded on the 17th of this month. This process had gone fairly smoothly until we discovered in November that the seller was hiding a large property tax debt from us. This resulted in multiple obstacles arising and further attempts to deceive us before the debt was finally paid off and the closing could proceed. Throughout this process we were providentially provided with an inside contact in the municipality as well as a friend who is a property lawyer and helped defend us from the sellers attempts to deceive us. On the day of the closing our church accountant (required by law here) helped us to secure a 'real' final purchase receipt that was validated online by the Mexican IRS (only after more attempts to convince us to accept a non-valid receipt). We are thankful for all who have prayed and that the building was purchased without incurring any debt.

We still have quite a bit of work to do in order to renovate the building and get the permit to hold public worship services. We want to enlarge a small balcony on the ground floor as well as rework the electric, lighting, plumbing, etc. This 4 story building can be put to multiple uses and we hope take full advantage of its strategic location in the heart of Mexico City.

By God's grace, 2016 was a very encouraging year for our mission works and family. We were able to finally get permanent residency papers for myself and Lissa, as well as working papers for our son Luke. We were forced to return our Honda van to the USA in order to secure these papers, but recently found an inexpensive replacement with very low miles.

Our six ongoing Bible Institutes continued to train more workers and pastors in Mexico and Central America. The Spurgeon and Spanish sermon audio sites enjoyed an average of 50-60,000 downloads each month. Our print shop and translation ministry was expanded to provide book tables in many churches and missions with a never-ending demand for more sound literature. We are planning a massive tract distribution effort this year to reach all the homes in the central part of the city surrounding the new building.

Mexico is facing the worst crisis that we have seen since moving here in 1983. The government is under tremendous pressure due to the following factors: 1. The collapse of the price of oil and diminishing reserves leading to a government financial crisis. 2. The election of President Trump. 3. The soon coming wall. 4. The large number of criminal aliens that will be deported back to Mexico. 5. The startup of a renegotiation of the NAFTA agreement. 6. The upcoming election in the State of Mexico and the looming presidential elections in 2018. 7. Widespread political unrest and a president that has a 90% disapproval rating. 8. The possibility of a complete rejection of the NAFTA agreement is very real. Many of Mexico's elites are calling for a scorched-earth policy and a complete break in relations with the USA. 9. The rival political parties are calling for no negotiations at all. 10. Mexico always plays the 'victim card' and blames almost all of the above on the USA. We covet your prayers for both of our countries and the liberty to continue to spread the gospel here.

Missionary Tom Montgomery and Family

2016	Nov.	Dec.
Bethel BC, Lawton, OK	100.00	100.00
Bethel BC, Choctaw, OK	75.00	75.00
Beverly Manor MBC, Washington IL	75.00	75.00
Bible BC, Columbus, NE	500.00	500.00
Bohon Rd, BC, Harrodsburg KY	50.00	50.00
Covenant BC, Broken Arrow, OK	1012.50	1012.50
Carmichael BC, Carmichael, CA	55.00	160.00
Cornerstone SGBC, Denver, CO	200.00	200.00
First BC, Delphi, IN	588.00	563.00
First BC, Harrison, OH	80.00	80.00
Forest Hills BC, Titusville FL	50.00	50.00
Faith BC, Granite City, IL	72.50	60.00
Faith RFBC Titusville, FL	100.00	100.00
Free Grace BC, Yuba City, CA	-0-	-0-
Grace BC, Memphis, TN	100.00	100.00
Grace BC, Tyler , TX	200.00	200.00
Independence BC, Foristell, MO	75.00	75.00
Providence BC, Sunnyvale, CA	315.00	315.00
Pendleton BC, Pendleton, IN	100.00	100.00
N. Testament BC, Lawton, OK	1400.00	1400.00
Portland MBC, Plumerville, AR	250.00	250.00
Sherwood BC, OK City, OK	130.00	130.00
Sovereign Grace BC, Morgan Hill, CA	250.00	250.00
Grace BC, Huntsville, AL	50.00	50.00
Wooster BT, Wooster, OH	25.00	25.00
Victory BC, Kansas City, MO	494.00	432.00
Cornerstone SGBC, Denver, CO Special offering for Guatemala, Nicaragua	<u>800.00</u>	<u>800.00</u>
Total	7147.00	7152.50
Special Offering for Mexican health needs – benevolence	291.38	291.38

Expenses

Utilities	164.00	79.01
Office expense	105.70	37.80
Bank Charges	30.00	24.00
Gasoline & Maintenance	201.06	216.04
Health Insurance	602.00	602.00
Telephone	64.00	59.25
Salary	2750.00	2750.00
Radio Programming	238.40	123.45
Guatemala trip expenses, Pastor's Instituto	233.33	295.06
Nicaragua trip expenses, Pastor's Instituto	-0-	-0-
Merida trip expenses, Pastor's Instituto	260.00	-0-
Perote, Pastor's Institute	58.66	154.32
Year-end help for poor pastors	-0-	395.06
2008 Mini Van (replacement for the one we had to return to the USA)	-0-	6419.00
Medical	19.93	79.01
Vehicle Insurance	-0-	587.65
Spanish Bibles	-0-	54.32
Mission Building Fund	1409.00	-0-
Print shop-Spanish books & tracts	<u>533.33</u>	<u>493.82</u>
	6669.41	12369.79
Previous Balance	75524.43	76002.02
Receipts	7147.00	7152.50
Expenses	6669.41	12369.79
Ending Balance	76002.02	70784.73