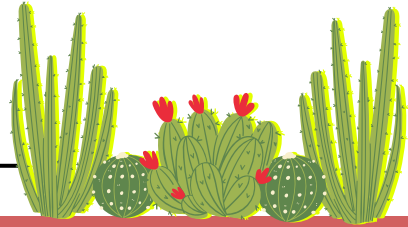


THE GOSPEL'S IMPACT ON THE WORLD

MEXICO



In the Yucatan region of Mexico, a church with many believers came to worship faithfully every Sunday. The lead pastor had a vision for something different and was tired of seeing the congregation going through the motions and the same people making the altar calls week after week. They then ceased having corporate services for several months, and instead began gathering in homes and testifying to the Lord's work in their midst.



Relationships began to deepen, and people started growing closer to Christ. The groups began to increase in number, and the pastor, sensing God's favor in the situation, decided to make the change permanent. He prayed over the elders who had been leading groups in their homes and blessed them to be pastors over their small home-fellowship congregations. The gospel continued to spread; many are continuing to meet in homes. By the grace of God some of these home fellowships have blossomed into local churches. What is truly remarkable is the unity in the Spirit, as these pastors continue to work together and see the Gospel grow within their communities.



One of the churches that came out of this movement has been serving at a large hospital in their area where the poor come to get service. There are usually long lines outside of the hospital, so the people of the church go every two weeks to minister to the people. They are able to make food for them, pray over them, and hand out Bibles. Many of these people have no desire for God but are willing to be prayed for due to their desperate circumstances, hoping for some physical breakthrough.



Many are now open to receiving Bibles, just like a Catholic lady who was against Christianity but began to have a softened heart and asked the team to bring her a Bible. Now several other churches have seen the impact this is having on the community, and they have joined in on different days of the week, and people are coming to know Christ.



JESUS' HANDS AND FEET

Just twelve hours away from this area is a lady in ministry who sensed the Lord called her to minister to people from other parts of the world. She thought this meant she would get to travel outside of Mexico, but the Lord was calling her to minister in a different capacity. One day she made sandwiches and gathered some Bibles to hand out to a group of Africans she believed to be in the area but didn't find them. Instead, she and several people from her church saw some people in the street not far from the church. They didn't look like they belonged, so they began to walk toward them to hand out the sandwiches and the Bibles. The people started to run away, and they had to chase them down and explain what they were doing. The people explained they were immigrants who had traveled on a train of death. For more than a decade, desperate migrants crossing Mexico on their way to the US border have risked their lives to hop a series of fast-moving freight cars — referred to collectively as La Bestia or "the Beast" — that are so dangerous they are known as



"death trains." This lady and her church began ministering to these precious people who are living under a bridge in their hometown. They started a church called The Church Under the Bridge. Every Sunday, they gather for a service to minister under the bridge to the immigrants. Many lives are being touched by the presence of God as they gather to pray and worship. When they are done ministering to these precious immigrants, the church returns to their building and has their regular service. Many of these immigrants are coming to know the Father's love through the obedience of this wonderful lady and her church.



We see through these testimonies coming out of Mexico that the Lord is moving in many ways to bring the Gospel to the unreached, impacting many lives worldwide. May we all be challenged to think outside the box just like our dear brothers and sisters are doing in Mexico and say yes to His calling.

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