



# The Manuel Gomez Family

Michoacán, México

Dear Pastor and Church

January 2018

It's a blessing to welcome a New Year in the work of the Lord. We are grateful for your prayers and support throughout this past year, thank you for your faithfulness to the cause of Missions. We are excited to see what God will do this coming 2018.

The US State Department advisories this week place five Mexican states including Michoacan level 4, on the same danger level as Afghanistan, Syria and Iraq.

The advisories cite drug cartel activity and violent crime, and the Tamaulipas; border state that we travel through, warning was very blunt. "Do not travel due to crime," it states.

"Violent crime, such as murder, armed robbery, carjacking, kidnapping, extortion, and sexual assault, is common. Gang activity, including gun battles, is widespread. Armed criminal groups target public and private passenger buses traveling through Tamaulipas, often taking passengers hostage and demanding ransom payments. Local law enforcement has limited capability to respond to violence in many parts of the state."

We have lived through these experiences, and the Lord has miraculously delivered us from this evil.

Yet after eight years of intense danger we are reconsidering our travels in and out of Michoacan. Changes include not being able to host mission trips and groups throughout the year.

## Gift Outreach

For the past five years, we have partnered with churches to bring gifts like toys, care packages, sandals and other items to the children of Michoacan. Also, reading glasses for the elderly population and packages for new mothers.

This outreach has opened doors for us to present the gospel and start churches in forgotten and secluded communities.


January 6<sup>th</sup> we gave away 800 gifts in 5 different communities. It was our second year in Zinapecuaro, and the first time ministering in Taimeo and Carpintero. The last community we faced opposition from the traditional Church, but proceeded anyhow.

Our team passed out over a thousand tracks and shared the gospel. Bible classes for children were set up under bushes and trees. There our team shared refreshments, activities, and the greatest gift of all, our Lord Jesus Christ. Over two hundred children made professions of faith.

A couple of tarps served as our main adult meeting place. There the gospel was plainly and powerfully preached with eighteen adults asking the Lord to save them. Those who were saved were given a bible. **Hallelujah, this makes it worth it all...** A special thank you to those which gave to make this harvest possible.

We've begun renting a place for Zinapecuaro Baptist church which just turned a year old. A gracious family hosted the church services in their patio, so this will be a step forward. This church has seen the most spiritual and numerical growth and we plan to remain active here. After this year we will be turning the work over to Brother Eduardo Rodriguez.

A late Feliz Navidad prospero AÑO y felicidad...

In His Service,  
  
Bro. Manuel Gomez

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