

Moving from Vision to Reality

Two hours outside of Mérida in the Municipality of Tunkás, a humble unassuming pastor has been working a vision. It is a vision of seeing his region touched for Christ. It is a vision that has cost countless hours on bicycle, scooter, and motorcycle traversing the narrow and at times difficult roads to plant and pastor missions in four separate towns. For over eleven years, pastor Eucebio Pech has been laboring to establish this vision, and slowly but surely it is beginning to take shape.

A little over a year ago, Eucebio started the mission of Eben-ezer in the city of Tunkás because of a compassionate response to a physical need. The congregation has now grown to the point of requiring its own building. Nevertheless, for this agricultural community where income is dependent on the harvest, funds to build can be hard to come by. It was at this point of need that we were given the privilege to partner with Pastor

Eucebio to see this vision become a reality. District leaders showed us the need and together we committed to lend a hand.

In January, we were able to participate in the laying of the first stone of a new construction in Tunkás which will be the future home of the mission. This month, the vision moved closer to reality. Coordinating with American University Chi Alpha, we

rolled up our sleeves and got to work. From March 5th to March 12th, we dug, poured, sang,

preached, and prayed. At the end of the time we had lifted the forms of 5 of the church's supporting columns, had celebrated 5 services, including the first open-air service for the Tunkás mission, and had seen 5 saved.

Thank you for sending us, that we might be a part of helping pastors move from vision to reality!



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pray

We desperately need your prayers as we continue our ministry here in Mexico. Please pray:

- That the relationships that we are developing will play a pivotal role in reaching all of the Yucatán with the gospel.
- That we might have safety in our travels throughout the state and, this April, across the country.

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Rebekah and Joseph both celebrated birthdays by starting music lessons this year -



violin and guitar, respectively. In addition, Rebekah celebrated a first place win in the local spelling bee between 7 bilingual schools.

Preparing the Way

During our itineration, we expressed the growing desire to work among the indigenous Maya population. We knew what God was doing in us, but we had no idea how He had been preparing the way.

With a few short weeks in country, we learned of the organization "Power to Change" that had sought to plant churches in the Yucatan but had lacked the coordination in country to be able to administrate the work. Another mission, The Message for the Mayans, which had just finished trans-

lation of the Jesus film for Children in Maya, expressed interest in

joining forces in order to evangelize. Recently, we've also come to find out that students of Bethel Bible Institute in Mérida were formulating their own plan for church planting among the Maya population.

Truly God has been preparing the way. Stay tuned for something big!

