

Critical Partnerships

No missionary is an island. The reality is this: unless key national partnerships are formed, the lasting impact one can make is severely limited. Understanding this concept, we have sought to leverage relationships that we had formed in our first term to help us make a greater impact here in the Yucatán. I'm excited to say that the groundwork that we have laid is yielding dividends.

One such relationship was formed with Antonio Mendez. A former missionary to Mozambique, he now finds himself engaged as the District Missions Director. With his help, we look to investigate the situation of the various indigenous Maya populations throughout the state in order to coordinate ministry to the unreached or under-reached people groups here in the Yucatán. Former Bible college students working among the Maya, pas-

tors now serving in city centers near Maya populations, and an ongoing conversation with the national director of missions to ethnic groups in Mexico promise to increase our impact in this ethnic group during our second term in Mexico.



From l to r: Antonio Mendez, David Godzwa, Maya Pastor Eucepio Pech, Dist. Dir. of Missions to Ethnic Groups, Carlos Baeza

Another key relationship is the one we enjoy with the current directors of Bethel Bible Institute. They have invited me back starting this January as we continue to train the next generation of Mexican ministers while helping the school update its facilities to become even more

effective.

Also, our home church, Gólgota, is poised to amplify its involvement in discipleship and evangelism. We have been invited to work alongside them, training the new faces among the congregation and strategizing to reach others.

Report from the 51st Mexican General Council

Unless your presence goes with us, do not make us leave this place

-Ex 33:15

With these words, current General Superintendent, Daniel de los Reyes, opened a pivotal General Council here in Mérida, Yucatán. It was a week of prayer, reflection, and decision for the Mexican Assemblies of God Fellowship as its nation faces a time of crisis.

The theme, "The Presence of God," was perhaps most powerfully emphasized by Elizabeth Jimenez de Chavez, a pastor in the world's most violent city of Ciudad Juárez. She spoke from Matthew 28:20, reminding us that, no matter where we are, Jesus promised

to be with us always.

A new leadership consisting of Abel Flores as Superintendent, Juan Pérez as Secretary, and Daniel de los Reyes as Treasurer was chosen.

Among other business, Missions without Borders, the Mexican version of Speed the Light was created to purchase vehicles and communication equipment for Mexican missionaries.



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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 the remaining adjustments in our living situation will soon be complete.

Thank you for your prayers!

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The Godzwa family recently celebrated Jonathan's 8th birthday while we look forward to a Mexican style holiday season. We'll be staying put in Mérida for a green Christmas, while grilled turkey with all of its trimmings will surely be on the menu.

