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Channels of Peace

Growing up in catholic schools, we frequently sang, "Channel of Your Peace," a hymn taken from the poem, "The Prayer of Saint Francis." One of the verses reads:

*Make me a channel of your peace
 Where there's despair in life, let me
 bring hope
 Where there is darkness, only light
 And where there's sadness, ever joy*

Of course, I had no idea how that prayer would become a reality some 32 years later, but I am humbled to see how the Lord is using me and my family to bring hope in despair, shine as a light in the darkness, and serve as a source of joy in sadness.

And in Mexico, there has been much sadness. Because of the slowness of the response and the impossibility for many to shelter in place, the country struggles to contain the virus. Add to this Tropical Storm Cristobal, which has left much of southeastern Mexico, including the state of Yucatan, underwater.

It is in times like these that we are

thankful to be a part of the strong networks that exist within the Assemblies of God World Missions (AGWM) organization. Even as the crisis in Mexico deepened, our missionary fellowship partnered with the national church to sponsor over 1000 of the neediest pastors within the fellowship and joined fellow missionaries, Paul and Sandy Kazim, in their effort to provide personal protective equipment for some of those on the front lines of Mexico's COVID-19 response.

Since that initial effort, we've sent emergency aid to district officials who were gathering relief supplies for flood victims. We've continued our conversations with those who are responding to Network 211's online gospel presentations throughout Mexico. And we've coordinated the prayer response within our missionary fellowship, ensuring that our co-laborers have the support they need to sustain the effort.

Still, we are aware, now more than ever, of the need to do more to reach the lost of

Mexico. That is why we're excited to serve as facilitators in this year's Missionary Training where two additional missionary units will be joining us to prepare for their service in Mexico and to add their effort to the work.

A channel of peace—the fourteen-year-old boy who sang those words had no idea what they truly meant. Now, this 46-year-old man is beginning to comprehend. It's hope in the midst of despair, light in the midst of darkness, and joy in the midst of sadness. Thanks for

your support that helps us to be just that in Mexico.



Joseph and Jonathan have joined the Network 211 Team! Since April, they've provided audio recording and video editing for training resources and translation help for online discipleship materials.



Although the pandemic has kept us from being able to travel to Mexico for ministry, we've been blessed to be a part of local outreach. In May, we were able to join with Central Assembly and Freedom City Church for a Convoy of Hope event.



WE'VE BEEN GIVEN FINAL CLEARANCE! AGWM has determined that we have the support necessary to devote ourselves full-time to the task of Mexico Area Directors! Thank you for helping us reach this goal.

