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FALL 2020 NEWSLETTER

Forty Days to Listen

You may be surprised to receive our fall newsletter in the month of August. We've moved up our communication schedule to be sure that you would have the chance to participate as fully as possible in this next season of our lives and ministry.

As we shared in our previous prayer update, there has been a growing hunger in our lives to see God's kingdom break through in power in Mexico and beyond. Still, in the face of the pandemic and the tremendous need (see photo) there is an acute awareness of our inability to satisfy this hunger through human means. It's for that reason that we are excited to join with missionaries around the world, from a variety of organizations, for the united goal of taking "40 Days to Listen" for the strategy of the Spirit. We recognize that Missions is God's heart. Therefore, we take this time to intentionally focus on Him, allowing Him to direct us to accomplish his purposes.

During these 40 days, starting August 24th and extending through October

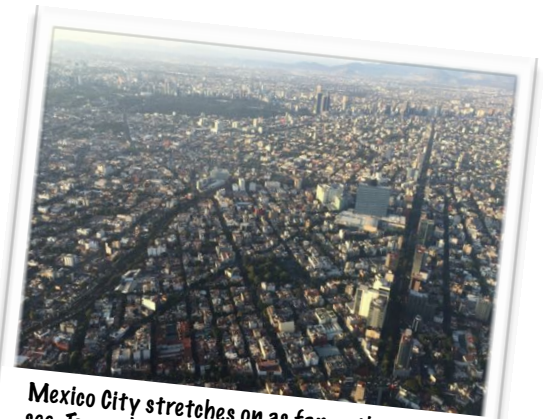
2nd, we'll be working to align ourselves with the Holy Spirit. We're laying aside the regular routine and rhythm of life and ministry so that we can pick up the practices or disciplines that will give Him a dedicated space to speak to us individually and corporately.

The cornerstone of our practice is the dedication of extravagant amounts of time. Our missionary fellowship leadership team has committed to tithing our waking hours, giving God 1 hour and 36 minutes, even though He owns it all, to pray and listen, read and memorize His Word, and intercede for the salvation of 10% of the yet unreached people of Mexico. We will be focused on the gospel of John, reading it through twice with a challenge to memorize Chapter 17, Jesus' High Priestly prayer. For devotional reading, we're using Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book, *The Cost of Discipleship*.

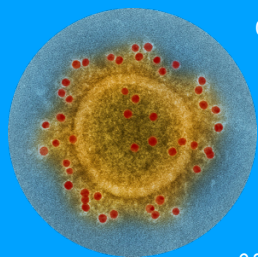
To allow for this shift, we're drastically reducing our use of media, limiting our time on social networks and eliminating entirely other forms of entertainment.

When it comes to food, we have decided to forego sugar and everything processed for the 40 days and go without for a 24-hour period each week, finding our satisfaction increasingly in Jesus, the Bread of Life.

Do you long to see God's kingdom come? Do you long to hear the Spirit's voice? We invite you to join us in any or all of these practices. We've created a calendar to guide your reading and prayer emphasis. See the inset below to download a copy and be a part of these "40 Days to Listen."



Mexico City stretches on as far as the eye can see. To reach it, we'll need the Spirit's strategy.



The coronavirus has devastated Mexico. Inadequate testing and the near impossibility of social distancing, especially in the crowded, urban centers has

led to widespread infection, while reduced access to lifesaving treatments and personal protective equipment has led to increased mortality. Mexico is now ranked third worldwide in deaths due to COVID-19. Sadly, among the dead are 70 A/G pastors. Although, through your support, we've been to help defray the cost of hospitalizations and funerals, we covet your prayers for mercy and healing for the nation of our calling!

DOWNLOAD THE 40 DAYS TO LISTEN PRAYER CALENDAR. Scan the QR code to the right with your smartphone camera to download this resource.



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