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Provision and Protection Despite the Pandemic

March marks one year since the coronavirus swept through the United States and changed our lives forever. **In times of crises** like the last 12 months, **it seems as though all we can do is worry.** But then we read the words of Philippians 4:6:

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

We have not been unaffected by this tragedy, **but as we have increasingly turned to prayer, we have found that God is the one providing for and protecting his people.**

As we watched the virus spread through Latin America and into Mexico, **our thoughts went immediately to our friends in the Yucatan.** The churches planted during our last term, especially in the extreme south of the state, were extremely fragile and isolated. Their people are poor, largely dependent on what they can produce with their

hands or grow in their fields. **As the pandemic took hold and the economy came to a standstill, we wondered how they would survive. Then, when five named tropical storms passed over the peninsula, we feared the worst.**

The damage was considerable. In Blanca Flor, where our students Lily Dzul and Kary Yam began their work, floodwaters had not only cut off their access to the village, they had totally washed away their crop. Still, even though they faced the worst they prayed for the best, and God answered!

While the floodwaters had destroyed the corn in the fields, they brought fish with them. So, instead of harvesting a crop, they fished for their food! Meanwhile, Lily and Kary were able to overcome their lack of access to the congregation by recording their messages and sending them via social media. Those with cell phones gathered with others to share their messages of hope and encouragement. **Despite the storms and the isolation, God had**

provided! Despite the threats to the church, God had protected his people!

Yes, the past year has been disastrous in many aspects, and we continue to ask God for mercy on those who struggle with COVID-19 and its after-effects. Still, **although we may be tempted to wring our hands in worry, we are reminded time and again that it is far more productive to fold our hands in prayer.** He is the one who is providing and he is the one who is protecting his people.



In Blanca Flor, the floodwaters destroyed crops but they also brought fish!



God provides but he also calls! March 1-5, we participated in Chi Alpha's We Live Missions Week, where we presented Mexico to two different campuses and challenged students to join us in reaching the lost of the nation.



Snow days were sparse this season, but **when your daughter writes** the family members **personalized invitations to a snowball fight, you say "yes!"**

We couldn't do this without you! Without your support, we couldn't do what we do. Let us stand with you in prayer. Send us your request @disciplemexico.org/contact-us



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