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FALL 2021 NEWSLETTER

## A Retreat, a Reception, and a Relief Effort

**August was a month of drawing near.** We drew near to God and one another in our first missionary retreat in Mexico since 2017. We drew near to the national church in our introduction to the Executive Presbytery, and we drew near to hard-hit communities through compassionate responses to hurricanes Grace and Nora.

After months of remote connections, **the 2021 Mexico Missionary Fellowship Retreat** in southeastern Mexico from August 8th-12th was a refreshing and reenergizing time for our missionary team. Encouraging messages from our US and Mexican leadership, extended times of worship and prayer, and ample opportunity for fellowship with our colleagues made our time together both memorable and motivating.

Traveling to Mexico City on the 23rd, Dave took part in interviews with new and returning missionaries (below) and was introduced to the **Executive Presbytery of the National Council of the**

**Assemblies of God of Mexico.** He had the opportunity to greet this governing body of 70 executive leaders, district officials, and ministry department directors and to express the desire of the entire missionary fellowship to serve alongside them in the fulfillment of the Great Commission in Mexico and beyond.

Just a week after our missionary meetings, **Hurricane Grace** made landfall twice, striking the Yucatan peninsula and the Gulf coast of northern Veracruz, bringing high winds, heavy rains, and significant damage. Soon after, **Hurricane Nora** moved up the western coast, inundating the state of Jalisco.

Although the need is great, **our missionary fellowship is rising to the challenge.** Bolstered by funds from Assemblies of God World Missions and Convoy of Hope, **we're resourcing our national church partners** to help feed displaced families and rebuild damaged church buildings and pastors' homes.



The 2021 Mexico Missionary Fellowship Retreat



Executive Presbytery Meetings in Mexico City



Church damaged by Hurricane Grace

Receiving workers to reach the lost!



New missionaries, the Lanes, received their accreditation, and returning missionaries, the Breits, received their welcome from the national church.



**Ready for takeoff:** Rebekah starts her master's program at Missouri State, Joseph begins his junior year at Evangel, and Jonathan starts his flight training at Ozarks Community Technical College.

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