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## **Sowing and Reaping**

"Behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord, "when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; —Amos 9:13

"Buenos días," came the greeting. "I'm Israel Cauich...do you remember me?" I did. Israel was one of the church planting candidates who was laboring in Tipikal, Yucatan during my time as the District Evangelism President. During those years, his attempts to establish the church were a difficult struggle with inconsistent results. As the pandemic took hold and churches were forced to close their doors, I was concerned that fledgling works like his would find it difficult or impossible to reopen. Israel's message early this month was a pleasant surprise.

"Right now we have a small establishment to hold services," Israel said, "and we're making plans to build a church. God has been good and faithful!" I couldn't agree more. Israel's church, Puerta del Cielo, had overcome so much adversity, not only surviving but also thriving in the midst of it. The Lord had

blessed his patient and persistent sowing with growth, and now he and the church are reaping the benefits.

The motto of Assemblies of God World Missions (AGWM) is "establishing the church among all people everywhere."

Often this is a slow and painstaking process.



Israel's church is reaping the benefits of patient sowing. This season, let's encourage others in Mexico who are working toward the harvest!

Still, through the effort of trained, patient laborers like Israel, the work is being accomplished. According to the most recent edition of AGWM Vital Statistics, every 1.3

hours somewhere around the world a new church is planted.

As we release this year-end edition of our quarterly newsletter, we'd like to highlight the efforts of some of the missionaries we serve as Area Directors who are directly involved in this work of establishing the church in Mexico: Rich and Jenni DeMartino, Ernie and Sandra Peacock, and Shawn and Carolina Sislo. They are sowing the seed of the gospel in Guadalajara and Aguascalientes, where the population of evangelical Christians is only 5%. They are reaching out with compassion to those who are suffering the physical, emotional, and economic effects of this pandemic while navigating the restrictions of this public health crisis. The process has been difficult, often mixed with tears, but they, like Israel, anticipate a harvest.

This Christmas season, we'd like to help facilitate that harvest. As you plan your yearend giving, would you consider blessing one of our missionary church planters? Your gift may be just the encouragement they need to stay the course! See the instructions below to participate.



substantial change in leadership. The above photo is of a meeting with the General Superintendent, Enrique Gonzalez. **Pray for these new leaders!** 



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