



# THE ORTIZ FAMILY

## Christmas Outreach!

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This past Saturday, December 17, we celebrated our first Christmas outreach. We encouraged our people to invite unsaved people to church. The response was amazing! We had 84 people attend our Christmas dinner, and we enjoyed warm fellowship with great food, and most importantly, the Gospel of Jesus was shared! At the end of the sermon, many asked for the book *Done* by our pastor, Cary Schmidt, and seemed very interested. We have dozens of connection cards that now we will follow up on. It's so exciting to see our people getting serious about inviting people to church.

## A HUGE blessing!

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The remodeling of the property will be an expense that we were not planning on. Last week, we received an email from a supporting church that did not know about this project, and let us know that they will be giving \$275 monthly during 2017 for a special project. God always provides!

## Our Partners

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## A FOUR MONTH OLD CHURCH

It is pretty amazing to realize what God is doing in Mexico City. Through the preaching of God's Word, people are being saved. It has never been about numbers, but we rejoice that God is rescuing sinners in Mexico City! October was a busy month. We continued our Genesis series, and it has been a phenomenal experience to share with these new believers and regular attenders

what God has done since before the creation of the world. Toward the end of the month, our new sign was installed and many people have visited and become regular attenders since seeing it. November was our "Vision 2017" month. We shared the vision that we have for the church for 2017 with our people. It is a simple vision: growth through



evangelism and discipleship. In 2017 we are starting our youth class, and we expect to have at least 10 teens! We are excited to see what God will be teaching our teens. Also, we have fully started and will continue our Sunday night services through 2017. Many have appreciated and look forward to the Sunday night services. A new believer recently said, "I'm glad that we have yet another chance to learn more of this. It makes me so happy!" We are actively promoting discipleship. We want to have each member and regular attender doing or planning to do our discipleship program. We strongly believe that this is the cornerstone for a healthy and growing church. In 2017, we will also add a midweek Bible study. It will not function as a "service" necessarily, but will be focused on studying the Gospel of John for those who are interested in learning more about the Bible, and we will continue our Saturday Bible class that will be focused on spiritual maturity. Finally, a very significant project we are taking on during 2017 is the expansion of our facilities. For our grand opening 4 months ago, we had 26 people attending. Today, we have over 45 regular attenders plus guests. Our seating capacity is 70 and for next year we want to increase it to 100. We believe that God will continue adding to His church and are looking forward to that.