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Hola Dear Friends!

A year begins and brings new challenges with it. As you probably know, a terrible hurricane destroyed the coasts of Acapulco in the Mexican Pacific at the end of 2023. Through our partnership with the National Presbyterian Church in Mexico (INPM), we served as the connection to deliver RCA's disaster relief to support those in need. Many roofs were repaired and many meals were served by local churches through donations received. The damage was so severe that it will likely take years to recover. Three trips were necessary to bring the supplies. It was a long process that ended in early January due to the distances and unsafe roads. The state of Guerrero is one of the most violent in our country. There is no police presence in those areas, unfortunately they are under the yoke of drug trafficking. However, the Lord was always present and protected us even when we were stopped on the last trip by an armed commando. They just looked inside the van and noticed a Bible, after they said, you are free to go, *Dios les bendiga!*



Acapulco's prayer team



Above left: unloading the van. Above right: people waiting in line for food.

It is good to know that God's continuous care is always on our side to guide us and give us wisdom to be His hands and feet in the middle of scary situations.

Would you like to receive these updates digitally? Please email Kelli at kgilmore@rca.org to be added to the email list. You will receive more timely updates from the missionary you support and help us be good stewards of our resources.

Our goal for this year will be to consolidate the Indigenous Educational Center project in the Etla Valley, Oaxaca. Thank you for your response in supporting our students. Seeing them arrive every day fills us with joy because we know that Jesus is changing their lives, and they are growing in their education at the same time.

Despite the persecution of the local Priest, some of our students have persisted and we are moving forward. As the Center grows, parents are beginning to reach out to the congregation. Thank you for your generous support, step by step we move forward.

As a family, we continue in the battle day by day—God has been good and although cancer cells are present in Jaime's blood tests, there is no sign of it in the scans. The doctors keep saying they don't understand why they are high if there is no physical presence—our response is always the same, God is powerful.

We begin preparation for the annual VBS training in the Yucatan Peninsula, Oaxaca, and Tabasco to celebrate in February and March. The national team has been working very hard for these massive events. We hope that new churches will join and commit to reaching hundreds of children this summer with the Word of God.



Above left: C&W training. Above right: Educational Center

Finally, we want to share with you the beautiful experience of training the first generation of Children and Worship children in Oaxaca who attended, now seeking to become leaders for another generation. We thank God that this ministry continues to grow in Mexico and Cuba.

Please receive all our love and gratitude for walking alongside us and allowing God to complete His mission in Mexico through your prayers and financial support.

Martha and Jaime