





## Sonora

Dear Pastor and Friends

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I hope everyone had a merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year 2020

I thank God for each one of you who has decided to love missions and in particular to love the missionary work in Hermosillo.

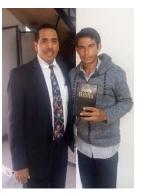
Praise the Lord for the Word of God, for the saving power it has had since eternity.

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword....." Hebrews 4:12

Throughout the Bible we have seen lives transformed, not only freed from an eternal damnation to everlasting life but transformed in all their way of life since this was the command of our Lord Jesus, <u>"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you....." Matthew 28:18-20.</u>

This is what we get to see through missions all around the world. This is why missions is our priority for all of us, to see people saved and transform through the Power of His Word.

Many others have been saved but let me share with you the story of the transforming power of the Word of God in Marco's life. Marco began to come to church at age 16 through the bus route. He met Christ the Savior but soon he stopped coming to church and immersed himself in drugs. "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isaiah 55:11. In November he returned to church, now being a young adult, and remembered those words he had heard from the Word of God. Within a few weeks he



decided to be baptized. We will keep praying for him since he still struggles with his addictions.

In November we were able to hold, once again, the conference for families in the ministry. For me it has been something of great value since I know what the life of a family in the ministry is like. It is certainly a life of joy and privilege but at the same time preachers' families are the enemies target and he seeks to destroy them

We know that if we are strong in our family we will be strong in the ministry and this means that the gospel will flow stronger and faster to those in need.

Glory to God, 37 families were able to come to be encouraged and to continue in this great work that God has entrusted to us and to learn many other things from other servants of God who have been more years in the ministry. They shared their experiences of how God helped them and led them through His Word to remain firm despite the difficulties we experience.

## We all had a marvelous time rejoicing in the Lord with good brethren fellowship. The day after we finished, a PK texted me a message to my cell and

**Said** " Hi Pastor John, I apologize I could not say goodbye to you and say thank you so much for the desire you have in your heart for the pastors' families. I know if you could offer more to us you would do it without expecting anything in return and that is to be

admired of you. I had the opportunity to attend your conference for 3 years and, to be honest, it marked my life. It was a great help to my life and my family, thanks for paying attention to pastors' children. When I first heard about the conference, my mentality was that it was going to be lots of preaching and keep us locked in to "give it to us" and I do not despise the teachings but sincerely pastor I have gone to youth conferences where there is a lot of preaching, all day sitting and the body gets tired and we begin to be distracted and no longer pay attention and that is what I thought. Excuse me Pastor, but when I came to this conference It was quite the opposite, I really liked it, I had fun. I learned and met other pastors kids, but it was all thanks to a servant who is a PK and loves the ministry and I thank you very much Pastor for

doing this for us , you and your church are a blessing, maybe this was my last year(PRAISE THE LORD HE GOT MARRIED 3 WEEKS LATER) hopefully not. I hope to go again to continue learning from the Pastors but above all from your example, Pastor, I appreciate it very much as my father for many years has been my example to follow in the same way you are an example in my life.

All the Glory is to God and thanks to you for supporting us to be

here in Mexico. May God bless you. Thanks for your prayers and all you do for missions. Special need, if you see a good deal in a 15 passenger Van, please let me know. I have been praying to buy a van for the ministry.

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