

The Whites in Mexico

January-February 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God's grace, love and peace has truly been shown to us these couple of months.

For the first time since this pandemic started, we had to close the Church doors. Bro. Lucio and his wife, Rosy had COVID-19 and recovered. Most of you already know that Troy contacted COVID-19 as well. Although he went to the doctor when it first started, January 6, it was not treated as such. One week into the sickness, test were taken for COVID-19 but were negative. By day ten, he began with shortness of breath. No oxygen could be found in all Oaxaca and no room for him in the hospitals: hospitals were at full capacity. By the 21st we were able to get him into the hospital where he stayed six days. Just to have the bed privilege would cost us \$35,000 pesos (ruffly \$1750 US dollars) a day. This did not include medication and doctor bill which had to be paid daily; averaged around \$3000 daily. God's presence was so real to us during this time. From the ambulance ride, the hospital bed, the right doctor, and the finances, God worked miracles. My daughter was able to secure an emergency loan for \$15,000 dollars, and God's people began to send offerings, both from Mexico and from the USA. We are humbled to think how God's people sacrificed for us. Undeserving of such love and care. WE THANK YOU! We could not name everyone in this letter, but please know that we appreciate it from the bottom of our hearts.

Church attendance has gone down considerably, but thank the Lord, after three weeks of being closed, Monte Abarim, here in Zimatlan, is now open again. Many villages and small towns are completely closed; you can only get into them if you are native to those places. Despite the pandemic, God has opened people's heart to the Gospel, whereas in times past they would have totally rejected it. Please help us pray that God would continue to work and open doors that only he can.

Lord willing, as Troy recovers, we plan to start traveling to some of the newer missions around the country to help some of the younger preachers. This is what we feel the Lord would have us do at this time. We plan to stay at least a month at each place, longer if the Lord leads. As you know we have been looking for a smaller vehicle with better gas mileage and something we can use for mountain works as well. We are hoping and praying God will provide such vehicle for these travels. Please help us pray for this need.

Some of you have asked about Jeremiah and his studies at PCC. He decided for the time being to put a pause in his schooling until his Dad was well, so he could work and pay most of his school bill. He is now in Texas working and doing well. Please keep him in your prayers.

Once again, Thank you for all your love offerings for Troy's medical bills.

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With renewed life,

Troy O. White

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