

INTRODUCTION

Good morning, Church of Christ, my name for those who don't know me is José. I am from the Huasteca Potosina, located in the center of Mexico (show map, with the location of the Huasteca Potosina). I am from a native community called Tampamolón, corona. It is only where I was born, because I was raised in the capital city of San Luis Potosi, San Luis Potosi.

In 1999, the 2nd of Feb, at 10 years old I arrived at the Children's home. At that home I had the opportunity to know a great variety of people with good hearts that helped a boy from the streets which you don't see every day. My first steps in knowing God began in this same year. I threw pieces of paper at the ministers while they were preaching, making fun of them and in one moment of my life I said to myself, "I will never be a minister or have any role within the Church.", how funny is God, God has good humor, because he converted me into a preacher and made me lead various leaders within the Church of Christ in San Luis Potosi.

God used a young man called Adán to show me how to play the guitar, but my only intention was, together with another friend that you may know as "Efrain", our only intention, well my intention was to bother Adán. Adán's grandpa bought him a really nice guitar, but see how the hands of God work. I didn't see it that way. Now when my worship leader, Ithiel was sick I was able to play the guitar, and also I was a worship leader for the Ontañon Church of Christ. At one time I thought that I didn't want to have any role inside the Church, now I am, by the grace of God, and with the help of people with loving hearts, like you, that helped a little boy from the street, now this boy from the street, is

the Minister of the Church, who was ordained by you in the month of July of the year 2019. I do not want to lose the opportunity to thank you in person from all of my brothers from the Children's Home (Casa de Niños), thanking you for your faithfulness by helping us to accomplish every one of our studies, also to have everyday a hot plate of food.

Today God has a message for you:

MATTHEW 25: 34 – 40

“Then the King will say to those on His right, ‘Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ‘For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.’

“Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink? ‘And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked and clothe You? ‘When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ “The King will answer and say to them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.’

After talking a little about me and my work that you have accomplished through your prayers, offerings and faith in God, now it is time to talk about the work that is happening in San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

RE – INICIO

As many of you know, I graduated from Colegio Biblico in Piedras Negras, Coahuila, on May 11, 2018. My first goal after graduation was to complete a work plan to introduce in the Church of Christ in San Luis Potosi, Mexico, I did not begin immediately after

graduation, it wasn't until the of first August, 2018 when I began the total leadership of the congregation.

As I mentioned a moment ago, I took time to take the Church, approximately three months to actually take the congregation, while I waited to take the position, I dedicated myself to prayer and to make a work plan for the congregation in San Luis Potosi. The plan little by little has been growing. I speak in general terms, without entering into much detail. I am only going to mention that the Church began with an attendance of 14 people, with an hour of 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. as Sunday School. From 6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. we had our service of worship. During one year we kept our services at that same hour and we had evangelistic activities to the un- converted and our neighborhood, activities included:

1. Return to classes
2. Activities for children – every Sunday morning (did not function)
3. We had Vacation Bible School (9 children attended)
4. Bazaar

The people of our neighborhood respond when there is something material involved, but after that they disappear, but we continue insisting, for the moment the people don't see the need of Christ in their lives.

I must mention in November of 2019, we changed our hours de 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. for Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. our worship service and with God's help everything is going well. In the beginning, as the Minister of the Church I was in charge of the whole service from the welcome until the closing, but thanks to God we

have a great work team. We have worship leaders, teachers for children in case children come, we have men capable of taking care of the people while I or brother David are out of the city of San Luis Potosi.

For part of the mission, Emanuel Mexico Mission, we are working hard to help the community, offering Psychologic Counseling, for youth, marriages that have problems, in this area we have brother Alfonzo Alvares in charge. He is from the Church of Christ and is a Family Psychologist. Thanks to God this is a great evangelistic opportunity, already two (2) people in the last six (6) months have turned their lives over to Christ and been baptized. They have seen the power of God solving problems in their lives. We have the area of the Children's Home, where for now, we only maintain two (2) youth that for sure you know by photos or have heard of their names Pablo and Lupe. Lupe is studying his career in History and Pablo is preparing to be an elementary teacher. Both are happy, but there is work to do and needs that will be met to cover their studies.

We also are offering opportunities for the church leaders in San Luis Potosi, they are able to keep preparing Biblically, we are offering leadership workshops. We began our first workshop in April last year and yesterday (Saturday 22) we finished the third workshop, that focused on how to prepare a good sermon, our next workshops will be about "The Healthy Church".

That workshop will probably begin in August; we are still defining the exact date. During the months of March – June, I am thinking on having a series of Biblical Seminars for the Christian Community about the "The Life of Jesus Christ". Sharing primarily on the historical evidence of the Bible after using for a text book from Mark Moore, called "The

Chronologic Life of Jesus Christ”, after this seminar, we will offer two others, the second is about the theme close to “The Origin of the Bible” and the third will be about “Biblical Theology”. This is our service to the community of leaders who are doing some kind of ministry in San Luis Potosi.

With youth leaders, it is doing a great job, In May of 2018, we began with a youth meeting where only 8 youth attended. We saw the need to gather various groups of Youth for 6 months. We were able to see 30 youth from San Luis Potosi, meeting each Saturday to learn about the Word of God, sing and after these meetings the youth leaders make decisions to keep having united services of Youth, our first united service of Youth we had an attendance of approximately 120 youth and since then have maintained this year as well. To our brothers Jonathan and his wife, Nicholle and Kirk and Teresa were here helping during a united Youth meeting held here in our facility. If you are curious as to how the services work you can ask Jonathan, Nicholle, Kirk and Teresa, as they experienced it firsthand.

In this year and 9 months David, Sheri and I have been in charge of the Church as well as the mission. We have been working hard to let our neighborhood know the Gospel of Salvation. We have a community full of happy people, but they need the salvation that only Jesus can give. The people are somewhat difficult to evangelize for these customs and catholic traditions in which they are very rooted. We also have an altar to the Holy Death around the corner. To not make the talk any longer, we are surrounded by various sects and denominations. Sounds hard, but as our brother Lucas tells us in the Gospel that has his name, chapter 18, this story sounds familiar when I try to talk to

people in the community, they are not rich, but they have enough to live good and their belongings not are what they find belongs to them, they know some ways of the Bible, they know the Word of God, maybe some parts with errors but they know the commandments of God, but it is almost impossible to leave their traditions to follow Jesus, but brothers, Luke said it well, "What is impossible for men, is possible for God, so by trusting in God we keep insisting.

I want to finish my time inviting you to keep working with us hand in hand like we have up until this time. The work here in San Luis Potosi, continues, I will say it in this way to the Church here in Valley has helped change lives from about the year 1998, in a guest book that we have at the mission, there is a date in April 1998, that a group of about 12 people traveled to San Luis Potosi, opening a way to help save lives, from sin and literally save lives of children that lived in the streets, and children who lived in families where they were starving.

Now the work is more wide, we are opening more opportunities of help for the non-Christian community with the area of the Psychologic Counseling that is completely free for the community. We also have plans to open a Soup Kitchen for the people without resources and also an opportunity for us to show them who Jesus is and that only Jesus can change their lives.

MESSAGE

How we are also working for those who are already Christians, we keep teaching the things that Jesus showed us, we show by them by his disciples, give strength to those that are faithful, that the commission of Jesus to his disciples was the following:

Matthew 28:18-20

*“And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”**”*

1. The first thing that Jesus orders is to **go and make disciples**, maybe you can't go to Mexico to work full time in the ministry, but you have sent us, David, Sheri and I to serve the people that do not know Christ, and thank you for your faith in Christ and thank you for your prayers and your faithful economic support, we continue faithful to the orders of our Lord Jesus Christ.
2. It is clear that we are completing His Word because the second order is to baptize them and we are convincing people to fall at the feet of Jesus and we are baptizing them.
3. And after that we are showing them to observe all the things that Jesus himself showed His apostles and His apostles showed us and us to the new generations and we have faith that someday we will take our place and follow the mission that you have helped to begin.

CONCLUSION

Go and make disciples, (Saving lives by evangelistic activities) baptizing and teaching the Holy Doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ is how we are working in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. The invitation is to follow, helping us, first with your prayers, second with your donations and third with your visits. The invitation is for each one of you that wants

to come to San Luis Potosi and see and serve with us in the work that is happening, that is how we can follow in the work that our Lord Jesus Christ has given us.

God bless you all.