. . . pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." Luke 10:2



June 24, 2023

Dear Prayer Partners,

26 YEARS

The Iglesia Bautista Independiente de Santa Ana turned 26 years old in March of this year. Tens of thousands of souls have been saved. Hundreds if not thousands of lives have been changed, families have been nurtured, preachers and teachers have been trained, missionaries have been sent out, and other churches have been started. By God's grace, the church continues to grow. New soul winners join the ranks, and more young people surrender to serve our God Who has been so good to us.

Since February of this year, there has been an increase in our church attendance due to the four new bus routes that have begun to bring people to church. We are very encouraged to see a group of church members join us in inviting others to attend church with them. Praise the Lord!

Another great blessing is that we now have a piano player and a choir director. Bro. Lemus is a well-known music teacher here in Santa Ana. He is also teaching music to the junior highers of our Christian school, and a small orchestra has been started. Not only are he and his wife serving with us in this capacity, but they are also starting a new bus route in the area where they live. They have been able to bring 12 different people to church. God has answered our prayer for help in the music ministry of our church.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- On Mother's Day, May 28, we had a special Sunday. We had an attendance of 45 mothers—4 were saved and 1 was baptized. Praise the Lord!
- On Father's Day last week, we had 18 fathers attend; they all had breakfast and a special Sunday school class.
- In July, our teens get to attend a Youth Conference a couple of hours away. Please pray for them to be open to God's leading in their lives. We have a great group of teens.
- The last week of July, a group of our men and I will be attending a Leadership Conference in Honduras.
- In August, we be having two different evangelists visiting us from Mexico. One will hold open-air meetings in the different areas of town where we have our bus routes. The other will visit public schools and preach the Gospel to thousands of young people. Please pray for these two opportunities to see people saved.
- September is our big month. We have the annual Pastors' and Workers' Conference, where we expect to host upwards of 500 delegates. Please pray for God to provide for this conference. We already have people registering to attend. Please pray that those who come will be challenged to win souls and train them to win others for Christ.

Please take the time to read the attached update on our Christian School in addition to a couple of personal soul-winning experience stories. Thank you for praying for us and for being so faithful in supporting the work here.

Joyfully in His service,

Henry Gonzalez

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