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MAY 2019 - OPPORTUNITIES

Activities vs. Opportunities. What is the difference in these two words for the church? Activities fill our calendars and occupy our time. Most which are good but at the end of the day, we are exhausted. Opportunities on the other hand fill our calendars and occupy our time in another direction. Service! How do we spend our time serving others and the Kingdom? At the end of the day we may be physically exhausted, but spiritually renewed.

Jose and I spent much of April traveling as far south to Oaxaca (14 hours) from San Luis Potosi, to (10 hours) north to Piedras Negras. Preaching and teaching at the "La Cumbre Zafra, Putla, Oaxaca - Family Camp, April 14-19. At Colegio Biblico, Piedras Negras (April 23-26) we were blessed to attend a seminar on the cults and other religions that are influencing our churches, youth and families today. We need to be spiritually prepared to defend our faith.

We ended the month of April with Children's Day (April 28 & 30) at the Ontañon Church of Christ. "Jesus loves the little children of the world". Games, movies, prizes, food and a time of devotion about how much Jesus loves them was well received, by both the parents and the children of the neighborhood.

Now on to May, June and July's Opportunities. Emanuel Mexico Mission and the Ontañon Church of Christ will host and teach a 10 week (Saturdays) Christian Leadership Conference / Workshop, beginning May 4, to July 6, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

May 17 - 18, we will host and be actively involved in the 4 state wide youth conference here at Emanuel Mexico Mission. Over 120 youth will attend the intense 24 hour retreat. A lot of work goes into this opportunity to serve as we will house over 50 and feed close to 150 people. Christian Evidences is the main theme. There will be worship times, classes, sports and much more throughout this weekend. An opportunity to strengthen the Christian beliefs of our youth.

May 27, we will host and lead the area ministers / leaders breakfast which is held the last Monday of each month. More than 30 leaders will gather to hear God's word and share opportunities of service and enjoy a delicious breakfast. Jose said "Breakfast Burritos" will be the main item for breakfast!

June 29, we will host the city wide San Luis Potosi, Church of Christ, Youth Meeting. They meet every 2 months and our opportunity is approaching. Close to 90 will attend this evening opportunity to gather as young people who love Jesus. Preaching, worship music, games, and food, of course will end the day.

At the same time of the youth event the Leadership Conference / Workshop will continue with the leaders of San Luis Potosi.

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June 30, we will have a special church service in the morning for the ordination of Jose, setting him aside for full time Christian service. We are blessed to have members of the Valley Christian Church, Lakeville, Minnesota, come to be apart of this special service for Jose. We invite anyone else who would like to be a part of this special ordination service to please come join us.

June 30, we will participate in the city wide united Church of Christ service in the afternoon where more than 500 Christians will gather to worship.

July 16-19, VBS at the Ontañon Church of Christ, with special guests from Indianapolis, Indiana, coming to help. There is so much more, but we hope you get the idea that I'm not an activity director, but an opportunity provider!

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHURCH LEADERS to grow spiritually and to lead the church in a solid Biblical direction.

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE YOUTH to grow spiritually and to better become the leaders of the church with a solid Biblical direction.

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES to enter the church doors with enthusiasm and desire to know more about Jesus and to grow in a solid Biblical direction.

There is much more to Emanuel Mexico Mission, such as the 5 youth we care for. There are many needs in that area such as education, food, housing costs and more. Cristian is in need of shoes for school and tennis shoes. Pants, dress shirts and bibles are needed for these boys for Sunday. They have not been to the dentist in over 3 years. The list could go on but you get the main idea. Growing boys! Growing needs!

Other current needs are: The main refrigerator has now stopped for the 3rd time in the past month. The washing machines need repaired. The car is finally out of the mechanic shop after a 5 month visit, but a bill of \$1,276.59 still needs to be paid. The van is in need of repairs as well. \$800.00 is needed for this. In the boys section of the home they still do not have hot water. A new water heater is needed for this area. We are still repairing many damages done to the building, but by your generous gifts we are making headway. Hopefully as we enter into 2020, most everything will be repaired and paid for.

Extra gifts are welcome and questions on how to help financially and physically are welcome as well ! All the above opportunities mentioned take money / gifts to carry them out. We pray that you will be moved to help and give so others might know the love of Jesus Christ more deeply.

God bless as we have so many opportunities to serve!

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