

More
answered
prayers...

THANK YOU, JESUS



CONTINUED GROWTH
IN LAMPEI CHURCH



A SPECIAL VISIT



AN EXCELLENT
LOCATION FOR
ALJABA SCHOOL

A MISSION IN MORELIA



But God made it grow.

In the elementary English class that I (Dawnell) was teaching, we ended the year with some lessons on farms and gardens. Trying to include some hands-on learning, I took potting soil to class along with tomato and jalapeño seeds, and each student planted a row of seeds in some egg cartons. My students and I were anxious to observe the germination process and enjoy a delicious salsa made from our classroom produce.

In so many ways, each one of us works hard and anxiously waits for growth. Whether it's tracking the height of our children and

*"So neither he who
plants nor he who
waters is anything,
but only God, who
makes things grow."*

1 Corinthians 3:7

Baptisms and Discipleship



celebrating their milestones (like Amelie's first teeth popping through), receiving a larger paycheck, or seeing our gardens burst with life (plants—not weeds), growth is usually a good thing.

As far as Lampeï church and the ministries in which we are involved, seeds are continually being planted, and God is making them grow. We hope for healthy growth and continually pray for wisdom to be good stewards of our time and resources in order to properly care for the garden of people God has entrusted to us.

Lampeï Church

In May, we decided to open a second service in Lampeï in order to avoid larger attendances. So far, there have been anywhere between 25-50 people in each service, which allows for a decent amount of space between each chair. Many new families have been attending, and several of those are being disciplined. Both men's and women's discipleship groups have been going strong, and eight new believers were baptized in early May.

Unfortunately, at the end of July, we made the decision to temporarily go back to only online services due to another sudden increase in COVID cases, including several families from our church. We also postponed our VBS and are praying for an opportunity to carry through with it during several Saturdays this fall. Thankfully cases have gone down in our city, so we reopened the church building again.

Aljaba School

Aljaba (pronounced al-ha-ba) is the Spanish word for quiver, a container for holding arrows, bolts, darts, or javelins. In Psalm 127:3-5, the author reminds us that children are a blessing from the Lord. The passage says how children are like arrows in the hands of a warrior. Not all of the students that attend Aljaba are biological children of the staff, but we consider it a huge responsibility as believers to spiritually invest in the next generation.



This house is our “aljaba” or quiver where we will keep our “arrows” for several hours Monday through Friday and provide a safe place for them to relax and have fun. As it says in verse five, “Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them,” we also consider ourselves blessed to begin this school ministry with intermediate and high school students.

Once again, we are humbled by and grateful for God’s provision. We had the necessary funds for the security deposit and three months of rent for both the house on the left and the shed for recreation on the right.

Right away, we were able to get to work, install security cameras and the internet. One answered prayer after another. During the first week of August, we were blessed with the visit of Dawnell’s parents and a mother and son team from Dawnell’s home church. They worked hard sealing and painting the walls of the recreational area and helped sand wood for a bench and the principal’s desk (see pictures on the following page).

We also converted the kitchen/entryway into a cafe which is open during school hours for the students to purchase lunch and snacks and is also open to the public later in the afternoons. In the recreational side, we are hoping to add more lighting, fix the leaky roof, and equip the space with all kinds of fun things (think couches, games, ping pong table, rock wall, half pipe for skateboarders, etc).

It has been quite a project, but it has all been worth it. We look forward to what God is going to do in this first school year. The students will be using an online educational platform called educazion.net and will also have morning devotions and special workshops.

A big THANKS
to Mom, Dad,
Lisa & Seth!



Praises & Prayer Requests

• **One Life Christian Academy** - We praise God for a successful first year with 10 students. For the 2021-2022 year, we have 18 students enrolled. Pray for the salvation and spiritual growth of the students and their families and for the director, Lucy, as she continues to oversee this growing ministry during the pandemic.

• **Aljaba** - So far, we have 8 students, but since it is an individualized online platform, we are praying that more students will enroll throughout the school year. Pray for the principal and his wife (Ivan and Vero), pastor (David), psychologist (Susy), cafe lunch lady (Antonia) and the students, and their families. Not all the students have professed faith in Jesus, but we trust that God will soften their hearts to Him.

• **Health** - Amelie had her sweat test done here at the children's hospital of Morelia to confirm the CF diagnosis. She is also scheduled to have another sweat test done in PA along with genetic testing. Thankfully otherwise, both kids have been doing great.

• **Travel** - From September 22 to October 5, we will be in the States for Elliot and Amelie's doctor appointment, to visit family, and for much needed rest and relaxation.

• Wisdom and peace in our hearts.

• Protection.

We are thankful to those who have been a part of this ministry through prayers, donations, and visits. May God bless you!

David & Dawnell Garcia



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