

Carlos and Sandy Ríos - TEAM
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Rivers of Living Water for the Thirsty of México



Connecting you to Mexico!



We are currently in New Jersey on Home Assignment visiting 16 of our supporting churches and 30+ individuals. It is our joy to connect our church family in Guadalajara with our supporting church families in the US. We are bringing a thank you note from them to each church. And we are telling the stories of how “*God has made a Way*” for the Gospel to spread even in the midst of the pandemic and how God is using our little church family to reach people for Christ even internationally!





We are so grateful for your prayers and support that enable us to minister in GDL. Be praying for the church in our absence as Nestor, Humberto and Dani continue to shepherd the believers there. Pray that

each believer will continue to grow in their faith becoming more like Jesus and actively sharing their faith with others daily.



While visiting our supporting church in Oklahoma, we had the joy of getting together with our daughter, Ana, and her family at her grandparents, the Tindalls!



Moving on to New Jersey we were greeted with a wet welcome as Hurricane Ida brought tornadoes and flash floods. We experienced the Lord's protection as we were out driving that day and got home just an hour before the roads were closed. Three people died in the floods within a mile of our home.



In between the busyness of church and supporter visits and debriefs with TEAM, the Lord has given us pockets of rest and refreshment. The Lord provided a car to use and housing at the missionary cottage in Flemington, NJ. Calvary Baptist Church has graciously let us use this cottage every Home Assignment so it feels like “home”. Carlos enjoys helping with the yardwork here. We’ve also enjoyed a boat ride past Barnegat Lighthouse and out to the Atlantic Ocean and a buggy ride in Amish country when we saw the Esther presentation at Sight and Sound in Lancaster, PA. Sharing time with friends and family that we haven’t seen in a long time is so special! We got in 3 visits with my dad before his healthcare center closed to visitors due to Covid. Pray that we will be able to visit him more before we head south.



We have visited 7 churches so far. PRAY for safety and protection as we visit the remaining 9. In November and December, we will be in Georgia, South Carolina and Florida. While in South Carolina we will be able to spend time with our daughter, Raquel, and her husband. We plan to spend Christmas with Ana and family in Dallas. Then we head back up to NJ for dad’s 91st birthday on January 8, 2022 and then we return to Mexico on January 11th.

Pray that as we share the theme “*God will make a Way*” that people will be encouraged and challenged in their faith journeys and be more intentional to share the Gospel with others.

Thank you so much for partnering with us. If we haven’t seen you yet, we hope to see you soon!
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♥ **Heart Joys**

♥ God provided Nestor, Humberto and Dani to lead the church in our absence during our Home Assignment of 4 and ½ months – the end of August to mid-January, 2022. The church is doing well.

♥ God provided a car and housing for our time in the US and safety as we have visited 7 of our supporting churches so far and many supporters and prayer partners.

♥ We have had many delightful and refreshing visits with supporting churches and individual supporters. Also, we have had the opportunity to visit with family and friends and enjoy the beauty of nature in the fall in New Jersey and the surrounding area.

♥ **Heart Concerns**

♥ That the Lord will continue to give Nestor, Humberto and Dani a spirit of wisdom and unity as they shepherd the church family in Guadalajara.

♥ For the spiritual growth of each believer – to know Christ and to make Christ known. For the numerical growth of the church, too, especially children, youth and men with leadership potential.

♥ For the physical health of our church family: Six-year old Valeria had surgery this past week on her arm to correct a hereditary problem, Norma had gall bladder surgery and several families have coughs and colds.

♥ For safety for our remaining 9 church visits and numerous supporter visits as well. That as we share the promise “*God will make a way*”, everyone will be encouraged when they face their Red Sea experiences. For the Lord to enable Carlos each time he preaches to speak clearly and freely, since English is not his first language and he hasn’t preached in English for 5 years!

October 17	Cherryville Baptist Church, Flemington, NJ
October 24	Ridgefield Baptist Church, Ridgefield, CT
October 31	Fellowship Bible Church, Warminster, PA
November 7	Chapel Woods Presbyterian Church, Snellville, GA
November 14	Mt. Zion Christian Assembly, Snellville, GA
November 21	Grace Community Church, Lithonia, GA
November 28	Pee Dee Southern Methodist Church, Pee Dee, SC
December 5	Ferguson Avenue Baptist Church, Savannah, GA
December 12	New Testament Baptist Church, Columbia, SC
January 8, 2022	Sandy’s dad’s 91 th Birthday – Forest Manor, Hope, NJ
January 11	Return to Mexico

♥ For our family: Ana to recover well from surgery, Raquel to pass her exam to become a licensed professional counselor (October 13) and for Sandy’s dad’s healthcare facility to remain open when we are in New Jersey so that we may visit him in person.

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