

Text messages from Dave and Blanca in Mexico! (April 2025)

Dear supporters, friends, family members, greetings from Mexico City! Here are some brief bits about us. Imagine this as a cell phone message thread from us. And we even took the liberty to add your anticipated responses (in gray).

Our Reconnect is coming right up (July to early Dec 2025). See when we will be visiting your church at <https://giffmex.org> (the top tab).

Cool, Dave and Blanca, we will check that out!

Our biggest prayer needs are housing and a vehicle for Reconnect. See our prayer requests at the same link.

We will be praying and keeping our eyes peeled!

In February a team from Resonate came for Mexico country evaluation meetings in Ciudad Juarez and Juriquilla. The team affirmed our proposal to recruit for a missionary to work with migrants and/or vulnerable ethnic communities in Mexico.

We will be praying someone kills that new position.

What???

Sorry! That someone *fills* that position. Doggone autocorrect...

Oh, by the way, thank you, Dave and Blanca, for not sending the "swimsuit edition" of your prayer letter that you threatened to send!

Well, our health has greatly improved, all our projects reached their donation goals, and our support is close to where it should be (70%), so we figure people must be praying, and we decided to be merciful.

Phew! How is ministry going?

Great! I (Dave) am leading a series of studies on the prophets at our church for the Wednesdays of March and April. I also led a two-hour conference on the millennium of Revelation 20. They gave me a certificate for teaching it!



Over Easter week I will be leading a six hour workshop over three days on the topic of overcoming obstacles to daily devotions at COMPA's national conference.

Blanca continues to enjoy her Thursdays helping Corazón Valiente (Brave heart), a ministry to indigenous children. (I would attach a photo, but since it is a ministry to children, we don't have permission to do that). Blanca is also busy with the ladies' society at church, and the mothers' prayer meetings.

How are your kids doing?

Good. Alexandra just had her 25th birthday in March, and Daniel is waiting to hear back from a company after a second interview they gave him.

How can we get a hold of you when you are on Reconnect?

Email: dgifford@crcna.org
Blanca: blancagifford@gmail.com
Cell or WhatsApp: +52 55 3457-7996
Facebook/Messenger: giffmex
But no one ever calls or writes us on Reconnect... 😞

Awwwwwww 😞



What is that supposed to mean?

I decided to make it a swimsuit issue after all. Wait, you didn't think *we* were going to be in the swimsuit photos, did you?

Ummm, changing topics...we heard the CRCNA and Resonate moved. Where do we send support gifts now?

The office is at 300 East Beltline NE. But to avoid the risk of confusion, I will just give you the address for donations:

Christian Reformed Church in North America
P.O. Box 30006
Lansing, MI 48909-9760

Do you have any other news you want to share?

Oh, yes! Thanks for asking. Victoria, a member of our church, is raising money to get a prosthetic leg for her leg and back injuries. The cost is \$160,000 pesos (about \$8,000 USD) She got a grant of \$100,000, so she only needs to raise \$60,000.

How can we help?

You already did! On our last Reconnect we raised money for a benevolence fund, and we will use part of that to help with \$30,000. Family, friends and church members here will be raising the rest. So please pray for Victoria and for Mexican donations.

How about another photo of you before we end this chat?



Any parting thought?

Yes. Writing a prayer letter with text boxes in Microsoft Word is sheer torture. They all move around unpredictably. I am definitely going back to a normal format next time!

Also, thank you all so very much for your prayers, financial support, friendship, words of encouragement, 'likes' on social media, and your help in setting up Reconnect home visits.
Blessings in Christ,
Dave and Blanca

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