

## May 2021

*Dear supporters, friends, family members, greetings from Mexico City! Here is news about us and the ministry here.*

### Ways you can help, part one:

The four of us will be traveling to Michigan to get vaccinated, as the rollout here in Mexico is slow and some of the vaccine brands used here are of unknown safety and efficacy.

We are grateful to have housing from July 20 to August 6, and a vehicle to use while there. But we are looking for housing from August 6 to 25. Do you have a place where we could stay? Or do you know of someone who might?

Also, please keep in mind that this will be neither a Reconnect nor a vacation for us. I will continue to work remotely for the Mexico field, and we will be laying low so as to keep others safe. We appreciate your understanding.

### Ways you can help, part two

We are at 91% support as of late May. If you are able, could you help us with a donation to help us reach our goal of 100%? See here for instructions:

<https://www.resonateglobalmission.org/support/our-missionaries/david-and-blanca-gifford>

### Ways you can help, part three

We have an open position for a full time missionary to come and work alongside of us in Mexico City. The position is for a "mission network developer", someone who creates and strengthens connections between churches, leaders, and ministries, so that Christians here get more involved in their communities with the gospel of Christ

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and with organized efforts to meet needs and bring change.

Could you help us get the word out? Would you pray for God to fill this position? More information here:

<https://crcna.pinpointhq.com/en/jobs/8325>

### Ways you can help, part four

Of course, our largest need is prayer. We would love it if you would commit to pray for the items mentioned above, and the items mentioned in the rest of this prayer letter.

*Thank you in advance to those who help in any of these ways!*



### Armando

Many of you already know that our friend Armando, whom we mentioned in our last prayer letter, passed away from Covid on March 9. He had been intubated for 3 weeks. We thought he was stable, but then we got the news suddenly. By that night we

were at the funeral home, where an impromptu funeral was organized. We brought supplies, consoled Armando's

family, and I was able to share a message and pray.

I especially wanted to contact Armando's son Javier, because Armando died on his birthday. Javi said, "My dad gave me the best birthday present he could give me. I got to see my dad one last time. He was unconscious, but they brought him out of the Covid ward into the emergency ward, and I was able to spend the night at his side and talk to him. And he held on like a total gentleman, until my mother and sister were able to come back in the morning."

Thanks to all who prayed for Armando and his family. Please continue to pray for them.

### April conferences

April meant Spring Break from seminary teaching, which gave me time to accept two requests to give conferences by Zoom.

On Tuesday and Thursday nights for two weeks, I gave a conference on *Worldview and Postmodernism* to COMPA's team for the southeast of Mexico. Photo below. (COMPA is a university ministry associated with InterVarsity). I really enjoyed teaching that group.

On Friday nights for four weeks I gave a conference for the seminary on the topic of Books in the first century and today. I really enjoyed this. We looked at how very different reading, writing, publishing books were in the first century, as was the use of Scripture in the early church. Then we looked at the problems of biblical illiteracy, lack of reading, and book pirating in Mexico today. Given all the advantages we have over people in the first century (widespread literacy, as well access to inexpensive, high quality paper, ink and copies, not to mention computer and online tech for writing and reading), how can we once again become

"people of the book", let alone "people of the Book"?

### Upcoming plans

Please pray for safe travels for our vaccination trip, for minimal or no side effects, and for the remaining logistics to come together.

As we mentioned in our February prayer letter, from July to December I will continue my team leader responsibilities but will suspend my other ministry activities to focus on investigating and producing Spanish



*Dave's conference on worldviews and postmodernism for COMPA*

materials for [giffmex.org/wiki](http://giffmex.org/wiki). Please pray that other needs and responsibilities will not grow to crowd out my time and energy for this, and that I can produce genuinely helpful and God-honoring resources.

Finally, as we mentioned in our last prayer letter, we are hoping to do our Reconnect starting in January 2022. We have had to postpone it by a year and a half due to the pandemic. Please pray that we will be able to finally do this and see you all!

*Thank you all for your prayers, financial support, and words of encouragement. God bless you all in Christ Jesus!*

**Dave, Blanca, Daniel and Alexandra Gifford**