

Dear family and friends,

HIS Handiwork

We are privileged to be part of **God's Handiwork**! We thank HIM for how HE has strategically planned every detail of our lives, in a small way like Joseph's life in the Biblical book of Genesis. When reading Joseph's story (Genesis 37-50), we may ask: why a good and loving God would allow horrible tragic things to happen. However, behind the scenes, one can see how God used Joseph's: dreams, slavery in far off Egypt, faithful service to Potiphar, false accusation of rape, subsequent jail time and position of leadership even while incarcerated. In the end, God used all these life experiences to prepare Joseph to rise to power; from prison to prince, only second to King Pharaoh of Egypt. All this was for the purpose to save thousands from starvation in a severe famine.

We, in no way have gone through what Joseph went through. But in a small way, we can relate to how God is masterfully preparing us for what lies ahead.

This **divine handiwork** is apparent in Jose's pastoral leadership in Iglesia Comunidad Nueva Vida, San Jose el



Alto, Querétaro for the past 4 plus years. With the weight and

responsibility of leadership, Jose, along with other New Life international pastors have benefited from a church planting training program named:



<https://www.impactonetwork.org/>

Impacto Network trains pastors to plant and grow new healthy Biblical churches and ministries.

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This training has guided Jose to implement or continue several important Biblical healthy church systems. For example, appoint official elders to service. Also, life groups or small Bible studies have been started as a natural system of shepherding and discipleship for church members.



Jose notes the value of putting these and other things in place for the health of the church and for the future orphanage. Regarding being healthy, we have enjoyed listening to an audio book by Peter Scazzero called:



Emotionally Healthy Leader has been especially insightful for our marriage and ministry. The principles in the book are like a breath of fresh air. Thanks to this book we have changed things in our practices of sabbath rest, loving union with the LORD (personal devotional time), proclaiming the gospel from our

marriage, and ministry leadership as related to our past shadow. This book has helped us to feel a little more prepared as we are prioritizing many things in our relationship with the Lord, our marriage, family and putting things in order in ministry. We feel **God's gracious and masterful hand** has been preparing us to get ready for the orphanage—

Jesed Nueva Vida.

Finally, we, along with the board of directors, officially signed the first legal constitution document to begin the orphanage—**Jesed Nueva Vida** on December 13, 2023! Jose has had this burden to care for fatherless children in Mexico since March 2004. To all of this we give **God all the Glory and the Honor!**

Psalms 115:1, "**Not to us, LORD, not to us
but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.**"



Please pray for us as we begin this new season as the directors for **Jesed Nueva Vida**; that all the other detailed government documents will be in order.

Please pray for us to rent the location God has for us to begin **Jesed Nueva Vida**. We are hoping for a large home in the San Jose el Alto neighborhood that meets all the requirements.

Pray also for God to call a **pastor** to lead as shepherd of Nueva Vida church instead of Jose. Then we can dedicate sufficient energy to directing the home of refuge for at risk children.

Please pray for Joann's Mom whose health is declining on hospice care.

Please pray for one of Jose's sister's lung disease that is worsening, she may need a lung transplant in the future.

Glory to God! Iglesia Comunidad Nueva Vida
San Jose el Alto, Querétaro
celebrated 10 YEARS!



Thank you also to all those we were able to visit during our trip to the U.S.A. last November 2023, sorry we missed some of you.

God bless you and thank you for your partnership with us in advancing the Gospel in Queretaro, Mexico.

May God bless you and your family abundantly this new year in 2024!

In deep appreciation for all of you,

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