

AN UPDATE FROM MIKE & JOAN ROSS



DEAR PARKSIDE FRIENDS,



Thank you for your partnership in the gospel. It is a privilege for us to serve in Latin America with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). There is

no doubt that much has changed in all our lives over the last several years, but God has kept doors open for ministry in all the countries where we serve.

The Mexican team is serving some of the neediest people in the State of Oaxaca. Our flying with MAF opens doors for the gospel in isolated indigenous communities and provides opportunities to encourage new believers who face open opposition to their faith. Mike makes several trips a year to help with flights and maintenance. We collaborate with the Oaxaca Secretary of Health to move critically ill patients to better-equipped hospitals in the City of Oaxaca.

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SHARING THE GOSPEL

One of the special opportunities we have is to work alongside indigenous pastors like Pedro, Gavino, Ciprio, and Guadencio. They speak the heart language of the people and share the gospel in culturally appropriate ways. These pastors identify communities where the Parkside Dental Teams will work. The Parkside teams have been instrumental in making contacts in communities otherwise closed to the gospel. Demonstrating God's love by meeting the physical needs of the people has eternal impact. We are often asked why these teams come to serve. This allows us to share the Good News.

SEEING GOD AT WORK

Mike has the privilege of working alongside our national pastors Edgar and Neri to coordinate their work with Equipping Servants International (ESI) groups in Mexico. Edgar is leading ESI groups in the State of Oaxaca and Neri is leading groups in the State of Tapachula. These groups have persevered through the pandemic and are eagerly continuing to study the book of Romans together.

God has done amazing things in the church plant we were blessed to work with in Oaxaca, and it continues to grow. God brought a Mexican pastor committed to study and to systematically preach the Word of God. During the pandemic, they were forced to use technology to share the church services over social media platforms because they were not allowed to

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congregate. God has used it to reach many unbelieving people who would not have considered entering an evangelical church before hearing and understanding God's Word.

MAKING DISCIPLES

MAF has asked us to focus on discipling young men and women in Latin America who desire to serve in missions. This has resulted in trips to Haiti and Ecuador as well as Mexico over the last year. We have several people in various stages of training and one couple preparing to serve in a country closed to traditional missions. It is exciting to see God opening doors and providing funding for these brothers and sisters to serve in international missions.

LOVE IN CHRIST, MIKE AND JOAN



Photos left to right: Dentist Gus Komar cares for a patient; The Parkside dental team from their trip in 2022; Mike training in Haiti with Zacharie Francois, David Carwell, and Dan Wanvig.