

# THE MARQUEZ FAMILY

## REACHING MEXICO CITY WITH THE GOSPEL

March & April 2020



*"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,"*  
2 Corinthians 2:17

We so appreciate your continued prayers and support to our ministry. We know these are difficult days for us all. The situation here in Mexico City is quickly looking more like the US. The government insists that we all stay home unless we absolutely have to leave the house for groceries or other essential trips. The streets are empty and most major stores are closed. The number of coronavirus cases is growing rapidly here and in a city with the magnitude of Mexico City (about the size of New York City), the results could be devastating.

You may remember that our plan has been to work with missionary Ryan Case for one year before starting a new church here. I've had the opportunity of leading our music ministry and preaching frequently as well. The Old Testament Survey class that I was teaching was suspended for a while due to the coronavirus, but I am excited about continuing the class through livestream starting this coming Sunday. Recently we have had to shift all of our services to facebook live, which we are trying to get used to. We are striving to stay in contact with the church family and encourage them even though we can't meet physically. My wife has also had the opportunity of encouraging the ladies through a devotional along with other ladies in the church.

We would ask that you please keep little Sebastian in your prayers. As of today, our little guy has had a fever every day for 36 days, even though most days it is a light fever. For most of that time, he has also had little bumps on his skin that have confused all of the doctors. We have taken him to a pediatrician 3 times, an hematologist twice (who was in contact with a dermatologist), an infectious disease specialist twice, and a neurologist. They have done many tests, including blood tests and an ultrasound. The verdict is still out as to what is causing all of his symptoms. We are concerned but know that the Lord knows exactly what the cause and solution are.

Please be in prayer for our church during these times. There are several elderly members and others with pre-existing conditions who are concerned about getting the virus. The missionary we are working with, Ryan Case, recently had surgery to remove two tumors and his thyroid, so he cannot preach or teach at this time, please pray for his full healing. Our desire is to continue to minister and get the gospel out during this time, but we covet your prayers for wisdom as to how to effectively do so. Please know that we are also praying for you as you strive to minister in these very interesting times.

Your friends,  
Esteban, Alejandra, and Little Sebastian



Esteban, Alejandra, and  
Sebastian

### Fun Fact

We are able to pay our utility bills at any "OXXO" which is like a 7/11. It is quite convenient to be able to pay all your utility bills in one place.

### Prayer Requests

- Answers for Sebastian's health and proper treatment
- Witnessing opportunities
- For wisdom for our respective ministries
- God's people to stay encouraged during these times

### Announcements

- Our trip to Honduras was cancelled due to the Pandemic
- Old Testament Survey Class will be live-streamed

### Blessings

- Sebastian is acting his normal self and eating well!
- We have easy access to specialists in Mexico City for Sebastian.



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