

So we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us. We implore you in Christ's stead: Be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20



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True Path Ministry Now a Corporation

We recently completed the process of creating a Texas non-profit. Our official name is now *True Path Ministry, Inc.* This step helps us secure our name and was necessary to keep the accounting straight.

In addition Tonyia and I are proud to have received our Minister License Certificates from Independent Assemblies. We are ordained and have "all authority to perform marriages, conduct baptismal services, administer the sacraments and promote the gospel..."

In Mexico Tonyia and I are recognized as missionaries by Centro Cristiano Victoria. This gives us legal covering in the country if the need arises.

We are constantly amazed how things seem to fall in line as we work for the Lord.

Martin Martinez Joins Ministry



Martin Martinez joined the True Path. Ministry team.

We are proud to include Martin Martinez into our ministry. He has been serving as our translator for the past several weeks and he is excited to serve the Lord with us.

In addition to his skill as a translator, he is a good friend, committed Christian and has a heart to be a Pastor. Plus, he has extensive experience in the building trades, as an auto mechanic and metal worker.

His wife, Anna, and nine year old daughter, Genesis, have joined us on several missionary adventures. They enjoy working for the Lord too.

Martin and family lived in the USA for a number of years. Anna's family is from this area. While here, Martin experienced a call from God to serve in Mexico.

He preaches often at his home church in the nearby village of *Dieciocho De Marzo*. He has a good sense of humor and a great love for the Mexican people.

"Activate Galeana" Successful

Several area churches join their resources to host Activate Galeana a community-wide Christian event on Saturday, April 16th. There were activities for children, youth and adults during the all-day event.

Two different Christian bands kept music going most of the day. A pastor from Monterrey delivered a spirit-filled sermon. Virtually the entire audience came forward during the alter call, it was a powerful time with the Lord.



Special Prayer Time At Home

A mother and her 17 year-old daughter came to our home and asked that we pray for the daughter who had been to the doctor. They had found a growth they believed was cancer. Plus, the daughter had a disturbing dream.

We prayed with them for healing and for peace about the future. That night the Lord spoke to Tonyia about the young women's dream. The Lord was showing the young woman that she was being healed by her faith. We contacted her the next day, through our translator, to tell her what the Lord revealed to Tonyia.

We were in a meeting a few days later when the mother and daughter excitedly told us the tests for her daughter showed there was no cancer. They are both strong in their faith and they praised Jesus!

At another time we had the privilege to lift up special prayers with a mother and her three teenage sons. They were going through an especially difficult time. Stephen, Tonyia and Martin prayed for each one by name. The mother prayed to accept Jesus into her heart.

These were especially touching times when we were simply a conduit for the Lord to use us. It is His work and for His glory!

Stephen Preaches First Sermon in Mexico

Stephen and Tonyia have spoken many times to churches in Mexico, but they were very brief talks. That changed during the month as Stephen preached twice a three point sermon entitled "We have to give it away."

The first service was at Dieciocho De Marza, a small village North of Galeana, on a Thursday night. The second worship was at a remote village in Rayones on a Sunday morning. At that service Tonyia signed a Spanish hymn that was especially touching. Martin translated as Stephen preached and when we talked to pastor Armando and wife Rosa about their church.

Martin's wife Anna and daughter Genesis came along in support. It was a fun all day adventure serving the Lord.



Stephen preached in Rayones



Pastor Armando & Rosa



Tonyia signed Spanish hymn



Genesis and Anna worshipping

Progress on Casa Cristana El Alfarero

We have made good progress on projects at *Casa Cristana Del Alfarero*. It is where much of our ministry will be centered. Here is a summary and partial list of the progress:

new water supply line; replaced 16 broken windows; installed new water heater; replaced 11 cabinet door pulls; added new door knobs; added window curtains; added shower curtain; added new range vent; new CFL bulbs thru out; new propane supply line; installed propane tank; cleaned property beside house; took two large trailer loads to dump; bought refrigerator and range; bought 20 chairs; bought Christian research material.

There are still some things we need to do like: seal one roof section, rebuild storage area roof, put bars on upstairs door, put bars on large up stair window, and buy more chairs.

True Path Ministry has the contract with the property owner. This past week we met with Esther, the owner, and revised the contract to include our Mexico friend, Martin Martinez. The agreement began January 2016 and is rent free for the first six months but we pay for all the repairs. We then begin paying rent July 1, 2016.



The kitchen now has appliances, a new faucet, and dishes. Ready to be used for the Lord!



We added 20 new chairs and two tables.



Its not unusual to see folks riding horses and donkeys—even to church.

Dinner with Francisco & Estella



Francisco and Estella

Tonya and I had a nice two hour visit and dinner with pastor Francisco and Estella in McAllen before returning to Galeana after spending time in the US.

We had a wonderful time sharing how the Lord has blessed us and where He is leading. Francisco is the president of *Centro Cristiano Victoria* the association in Mexico

that recognizes Tonya and I as missionaries in Mexico. He is also the pastor of a large church in Reynosa, Tam, Mexico.

It is a nice church building in a very poor section of the city. He and his wife told us how they are leading many to Christ and encouraging believers to a deeper faith.

We told them about our plans for the ministry house and how the Lord is leading us to expand our ministry outreach to many area villages.

Hosted Visiting Evangelist Guadalupe



Evangelist Guadalupe

Stephen and Tonya hosted visiting evangelist Guadalupe from Monterrey in their home for two days. We went to several services together. He is a gifted speaker filled with the Holy Spirit.

He recently left his career in a prominent position with Coca-Cola to pursue serving the Lord full-time. He shared some of his wisdom with us in how we can better manage our ministry in Mexico and offered his help as we move forward.



Pastor Jose from the Dieciocho De Marza church takes his church van full of members to the Galeana Hospital every other Friday. They pray with those waiting on loved ones. He also preaches a short message.

Come see us!

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April Was Very Busy

April was an especially busy month. We attended at least 18 services. Ministered to people waiting on relatives at the hospital; went to a Christian wake for a brother who went to be with the Lord; installed a projector rack at Hernandez Church; prayed for sick people in their homes; attended pastor association meetings; and worked at the ministry house (plus some activities I forgot).



Above: Pastor Francisco rides his small motorcycle to evangelize. Left: Tonya was lead to wash Pastor Jose and wife Pera's feet in a service at the Dieciocho De Marza church.



The Lopez church in El Poso is small but is always full of good music. Notice the saxophone, accordion, and the boy on the drums. The Lopez's are all talented musicians.

Ongoing Needs for Mexico Mission

We always need your prayers as we work for Jesus in this unfamiliar country.

Also, please be in prayer for the following needs:

- Large Print Spanish Bibles (RVR 1960 preferred)
- Spanish language Christian books/ literature
- Greek/Spanish lexicon
- Prayers for church building in El Derramederro
- Prayers to build church building in Rayones;
- Guitar and pastor school for Martin
- Car for Pastor Jose;
- Protection for new believers.