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Good morning to you all,

We made back to Mexico! Thanks for your prayers. It was a very smooth, problem-free, and fun trip as a family.

Before leaving to Mexico, we spent our remaining days in Canada with my parents (Steve and Sarah Janz) and Katie's family celebrating Christmas early. The great thing is that it is not the calendar day that matters as much as the reason behind celebrating... which we were able to do full-heartedly. Celebrating who Jesus is, what He has done, what He is doing, and what He has promised to do!

It was hard to say good-bye to our joint family and friends. It was such a blessing to see everyone again and to spend some quality time together.

How was our time in Canada? Perhaps the most reoccurring question we have had in the last month or so. Well in short... really good! In His abundance of grace, God indisputably directed our time while in Canada. It seemed quite productive and we thank God for all the opportunities He laid before us. For all those who we met with: churches, small groups, ministry partners, friends and family... thank you for your investment in us and the ministry of CEC. For those who

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Arriving back to Mexico was indeed a breath of fresh air. Landing in San Carlos brought such serenity to our hearts. We are finally home again! God has certainly blessed us with the love for not just the geological makeup of where we call home, but for the people. Friends, family, the local church, the ministry of CEC and our team here in Mexico.

Gearing up for the course at CEC is always the main focus entering the new year. With many things to prepare, meetings to be had, and applications to expect, our whole team is in overdrive. There is always much anticipation for the work that lies ahead as we approach another year. We are used to applications trickling in nearer to the course than not. Our deadline for receiving applications is January 13... This year we only received three applications by the closing date. What does this mean? What is God doing in all this? Why God? Many questions such as these have bombarded our thoughts as a team. Though we do not understand God's plans, as we met with our leadership team we were at total peace knowing we needed to suspend the course. We've had a few very intense years with our dear director, my father in law, Howard getting sick and then later passing away. In many ways we have a completely new team and everyone has worked so hard to fill gaps and push on, but it seems as though God is asking us to pause, evaluate, rejuvenate, and rest. Our team has much to do, and we will be sure we use our time wisely and with purpose.

Though we are not having a course this year, does not imply we are without a ministry. Although the course is a big part of what we do at CEC, this does not mean that our purpose has been abandoned. Our purpose remains the same. Our vision has not changed...

***...To see the Mexican church built up in maturity and unity, both effective in evangelism and discipleship.***

The task given to us by God carries on. The ministry of CEC far exceeds our 15-week course. The reason we are all here is to serve Jesus Christ in whatever capacity He wants us to. To disciple and grow

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It is inevitable that we face the unknown in life. Whether good or bad, one thing remains the same. God is good! God does not change even when our circumstances do. God remains faithful even when life doesn't make sense. We believe that God wants to use our circumstances for His glory... to mold us. That in them, we would embrace and delight in Jesus. When we embrace Jesus Christ for who He is, He will satisfy our longing hearts. And as we rest in the power of the gospel, Jesus will undergird our hearts with His surpassing peace.

God is sovereign and He desires to lead us in His good and perfect will. We can trust in Him and that He knows what we need far more than we do. So, we will take this season as an opportunity to come together as a team, to grow, to learn, to seek God, and to serve together.

Our objective now, is to see where God would have us serve this season in lieu of this. Our desire is to continue be in touch with our alumni and the local church, as we look for opportunities of how we can spur one another on in our walk with Jesus. Also, this is a great season to make new contacts as we promote the ministry of CEC. What exactly all this will look like, we are unsure. But we are excited to see what God has in store.

To close, here are two promises we can cling to from scripture, written for God's children...

*“Trust in the lord with all our heart and do not rely in your own understanding, but in all your ways know him, and he will make straight your path”. Proverbs 3:5-6*

*“The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps”.*  
Proverbs 16:9

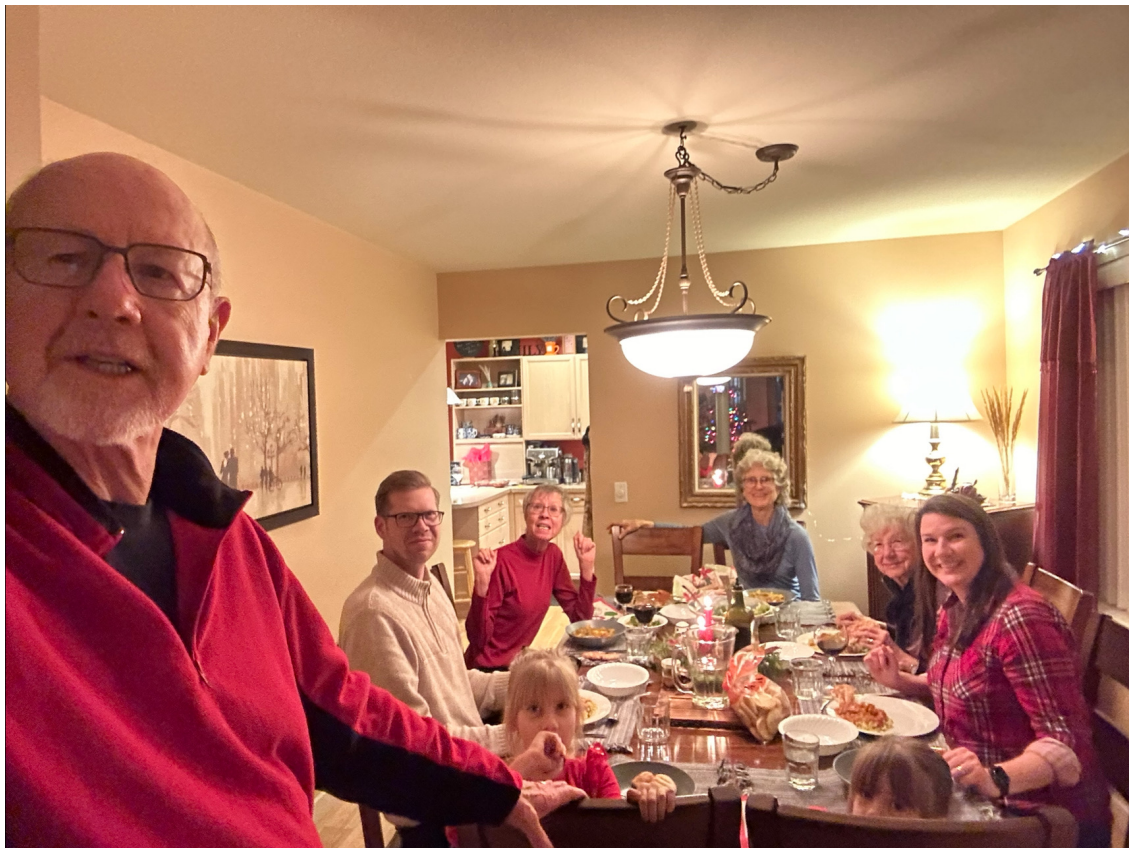
What a joy in knowing we can rely on the One who holds all in His hand. When we follow Jesus... never will we be misled, rather we will be directed to do what brings the Father much glory and honor. We look forward to keeping you updated as we enter this new and

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Please keep us in prayer, that God would undergird us with His wisdom as we embark on this journey. We want to serve God with our best, giving Him glory and honor. We thank you for your many prayers. I know many have prayed for this upcoming season, especially for the course. It has not been in vain! God hears all who call on His name and He will answer in His good and perfect will.

God bless you all!

Denver, Katie, Noel, and Macy





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## OUR VISION:

- ▶ We exist to see the Mexican church built up in maturity and unity, being effective in both discipleship and evangelism.
- ▶ We would like to encourage you to prayerfully consider partnering with us for the advance of the gospel and the fame of Jesus' name in Mexico.

PROJECT #1

### SECURING CEC PROPERTIES

CEC owns 4 properties. Recently we have been informed that the 4 properties are not legally in CEC's name, therefore, we need to ensure ownership of these properties. Cost needed to secure CEC properties **\$110,000.00 CAD | \$82,000.00 USD**

PROJECT #2

### GOING SOLAR

Fact: Mexico is hot... Heat + Sun + Air Conditioning = high electrical bills. San Carlos, Mexico has over 300 days of sun annually. Converting to solar at our campus would save us 99.3% annually. The return on investment would be 3.5 years. Cost needed to complete Solar Project **\$15,000.00 CAD | \$11,000.00 USD**

PROJECT #3

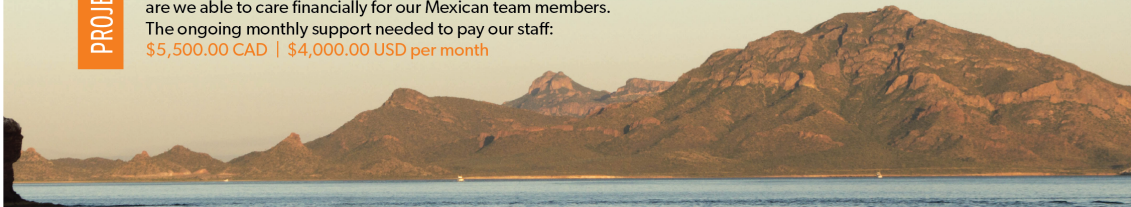
### ONGOING MONTHLY SUPPORT FOR OUR MEXICAN STAFF

God has blessed us with an amazing team. We support 5 nationals: 3 full-time + 2 part-time staff. Only through the generosity of our partners are we able to care financially for our Mexican team members. The ongoing monthly support needed to pay our staff: **\$5,500.00 CAD | \$4,000.00 USD per month**



Efesios 4:12

San Carlos, Sonora



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