

Greetings from soggy southeastern Mexico City,

I wanted to send you a quick update of what's going on here in Ixtapaluca, and in the Sendero de Vida Bible Church.

As many of you know, we are doing what we can to reach out with the love of Christ to our neighbors. Probably close to 40 city blocks were covered with drainage and sewer water for a period of 5-7 days, due to the breaking of a dike (after 4 straight days of rain about two weeks ago). The main highway from Mexico City to Puebla, another major city about 2 hours to the southeast, was closed for more than a week.

We have been giving out breakfasts in the affected zone to about 300 people for the last week now. Soon we will begin to distribute **bottled water, Clorox, and prepackaged basic food items** to our neighbors. We'll be loading several vans full of food items within the next several days, and distributing them in these very affected neighborhoods.

In other news...Lord willing we still plan to begin Sunday services in our **second church plant** in this area in **March**. Currently we are involved in the following weekly outreach activities:

Monday--keyboard classes

Tuesday--Guitar classes and a Bible study

Wednesday--ESL classes (2 classes)

Thursday--baking class (an outreach to women), and ESL (2 classes)

Saturday--tutoring

All of the above classes are basically free.

We plan to start drum classes, as soon as the teacher is finished teaching our son Daniel!

I brought back 12 street **hockey sticks** the last time I was in the U.S., so we're starting to see a new sport start up here. We also plan to start a **basketball team** soon.

For information on how to give online to a number of relevant projects, including our eventual church property for the second church, or assisting in this disaster relief effort, hit reply and jot me a note.

For much more information on the ministry here, check out our blog, at www.ixtapalucafryed.blogspot.com

God bless,

Rod for Mayra, Daniel, Cathy and David