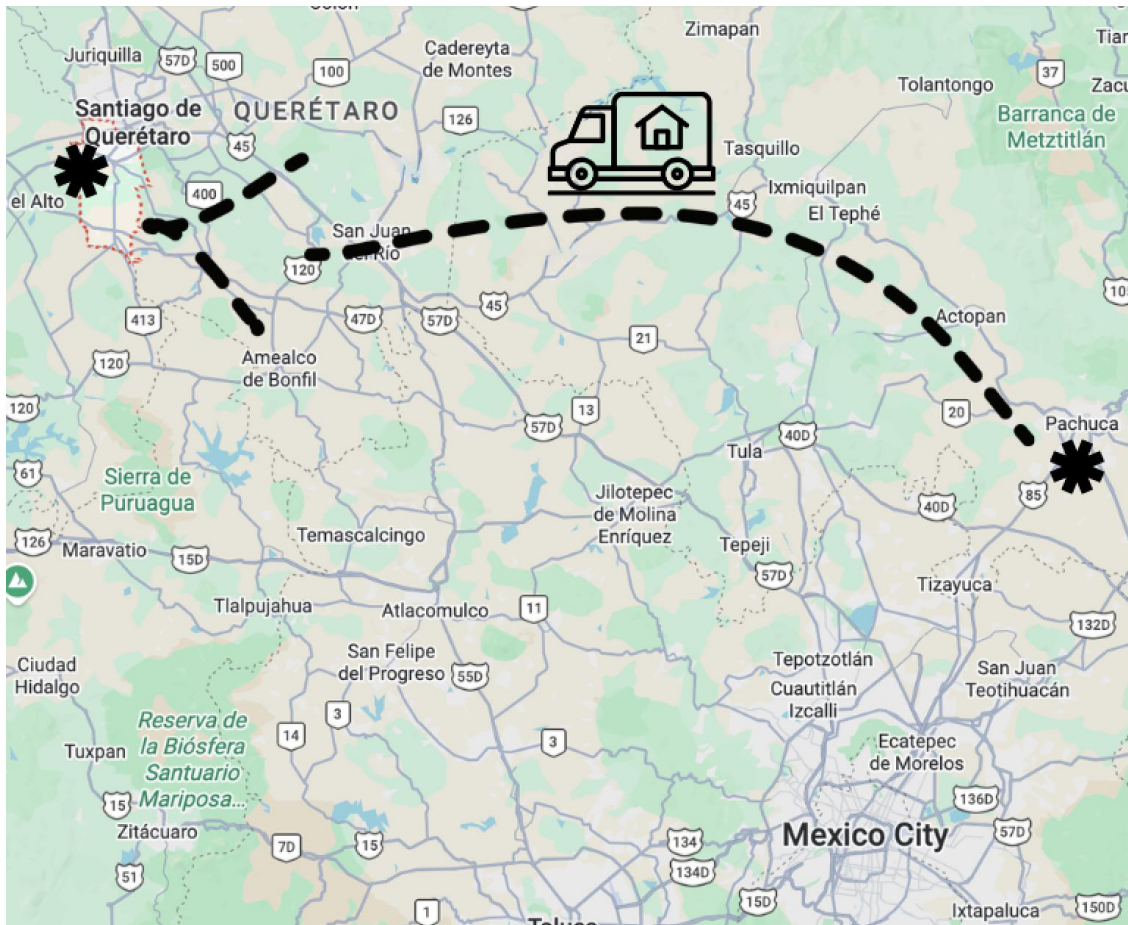


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SERVING IN MEXICO



Since returning to Mexico, we have focused on community outreach through the English Institute. We have also supported the local church serving and hosting a cell group. Even with this focus, church planting has never been far from our hearts and in prayers. Last spring God opened the door for us to begin working with the group that is now *Iglesia Cristiana Una Cita con Jesús* in Xico, a suburb of Mexico City.

Last year, we started praying specifically about the opportunity to return to Querétaro (where we lived 2017-2022) in 2027 to plant a church in the southeastern area of the city. In March, the owner of the house that we are renting in Pachuca told us she is

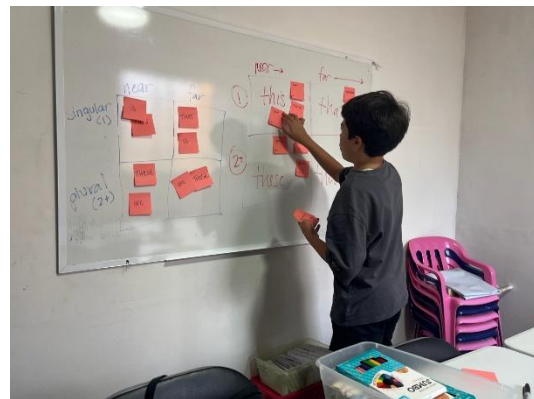
selling the house and we had 90 days to move out. We were completely surprised by this announcement and started praying about our next steps. With the counsel and blessing of our New International Regional Directors, we have made the decision to move to Querétaro at the beginning of July.

We can see how God has been working to prepare us for this transition as well as this new project. It is exciting and nerve wracking to have our plans fast-forwarded by a year. We ask for your prayers as we pack up our house in Pachuca and say goodbye to dear friends and neighbors. Our time in Pachuca has been fundamental in preparing us for what God is calling us to do in Querétaro.

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS

- good goodbyes and hellos**
- packing and moving process**
- additional funds for costs due to moving**
- preparations for Querétaro church planting project**
- learning transitions for Lucía and Gaby**

I WANT TO HELP WITH MOVING COSTS



We're in the final stretch of the school year here in Mexico. English classes will finish at the end of June. One group just finished their book and will spend the last month of classes studying for the TOEFL exam. The other groups continue to advance in their material trying to cover as much as possible before we finish. Please pray for the students as I announce the closing of the Institute here in Pachuca. A few have been

students since the beginning in February 2024 and the rest have studied with me for over a year. Pray that the seeds of the Gospel that have been planted will grow and the students will deeply know God's love for them.



Iglesia Cristiana Una Cita con Jesus continues to grow in Xico, a suburb of Mexico City. In 2026, Héctor has been traveling monthly to preach as part of the teaching team. He continues to coach and disciple the leadership team. On Saturday, June 13th, we will facilitate an evaluation and planning meeting with the team. They will evaluate the first 6 months of 2026 including the teaching series, events, and statistics. Together they will also plan the next 6 months of 2026. Please pray for Héctor and I as we lead them through this process. Pray for unity in planning and seeing their vision of reaching Xico for Christ become reality.



For the past year and a half, our living room has been filled on Friday evenings with a cell group from *Iglesia Cristiana El Jubileo*. This Friday we had a new attendance record with 25 people cramming into our house to begin studying the Lord's Prayer and have dinner together. Gerardo and Elvia have been excellent shepherds for the group. The group will move to Gerardo and Elvia's house at the end of June. Please pray for a smooth transition for all participants.



A few weeks ago, I taught a session on "Discipline with Love" with *Iglesia Cristiana Selah* here in Pachuca. They held a day long training for Children's Ministry volunteers and invited me to share about classroom management. It was exciting to see their volunteers actively learning about how to better create environments for children to experience the love of God. I was also part of a Q&A session with other "veteran" ministry workers and thought what a privilege it is to now be on the other side of the table sharing. It reminded me of all the people who have invested in me as a child, student, young adult and now not so young adult. God bless ministry volunteers who are so often unseen as they diligently serve!



As the calendar speeds up toward our Pachuca departure date, we're trying to enjoy as many local things as we can. To help with the transition for the girls (ok, for all of us), we've made a list of our favorites we want to visit or eat before heading to Querétaro. We've also been to Querétaro twice this Spring and have re-introduced some of our favorites there to Lucía and Gaby who were 4 and 2 when we left. Please pray for all of us as we make this big change.



Lucía and Gaby helped Héctor with the offering meditation at church during the Children's Day (April 30th) celebration. This Friday, June 5th, Gaby will celebrate her 6th birthday. She lost her first tooth two weeks ago and loves showing off the empty space. This year in Kindergarten she's learned to read in Spanish and often leaves notes and drawings around the house for us. We are so grateful God put her in our family and love watching her grow.