



# The Bible Fellowship Church in Mexico

## Church Extension Update

The Bible Fellowship Church in Mexico is growing! Here is an update on the works:

### Tapachula

At this time last year, the Mission Church in Tapachula had just settled into their building. The men and women in the group had cheerfully scrubbed and painted the building to be a joyful place for worship. The group has continued to meet this year in their space and has been blessed by the fellowship with one another. While it's a blessing to have their own space for worship gatherings, it also comes with upkeep. All the people in the congregation work very hard at their jobs and many work late. Not many are available to help with tasks in the mornings and afternoons so it's hard to know exactly how they can make time to get some things done. Daniel Solorzano, a man who works beside Immer in teaching and leading the mission church, is a voice of encouragement and is willing to help with the tasks that need to be completed.



Tapachula BFC Mission Church building which the group began using in August 2022.

The Tapachula Mission Church is in the south of Mexico on the border of Guatemala. Immer Molina was a part of the La Roca Church in Merida with Pastor Marcos Ramirez. When Immer moved back to his hometown of Tapachula in October of 2019, he began a Bible study which blossomed into a Sunday morning worship gathering and then connected with the BFC as a Mission Church. Pastor Marcos Ramirez has been involved as a coach and mentor for Immer in the same way that Director David Gundrum is for our stateside church planters.



Church Planter Immer Molina and Daniel Solorzano

The gospel is dearly needed in Tapachula. There are many churches who preach a false prosperity gospel. The people need the truth about who Jesus is and how He loves them and offers salvation, a free gift. Immer is on his way to becoming an ordained BFC minister having completed the first round of testing towards ordination.

### Villa Magna, Mexico

Church Planter Freddy Chi sends his report that the Sunday morning worship gathering and the prayer meeting have steady attendance with a faithful group. Pastor Marcos Ramirez and the elders of La Roca de Merida have oversight over this work and have been mentoring and coaching Freddy as a church planter. Villa Magna is not far from Merida in the Yucatan Peninsula.

Freddy's wife, Nury, has a chronic illness which gives her health problems at times. Freddy's three young adult children are doing well, thank the Lord.

## La Roca de Merida



*Marcos and Louisa Ramirez came to visit this summer and were able to attend the Church Planter's Family Picnic.*

This summer Pastor Marcos Ramirez from La Roca de Merida BFC took a sabbatical for physical and spiritual rest. Last year he had experienced some health issues and had felt run down. The elders at La Roca agreed to give Marcos time to rest and recover while the elders continued to lead and teach the congregation. Shortly, he will return from sabbatical and will continue to serve as

the Director of Church Planting in Mexico as well as the pastor of La Roca de Merida.

Marcos has been connected with the BFC for almost 20 years. In 2006, Pastor Marcos Ramirez read an article in *The Antiochan* weekly email about the benefits of church interdependence which a denomination can bring. From there, he reached out to David Gundrum, attended BFC Conference, and worked with the Joint Committee on Ethnic Church Planting to connect with the BFC. They came in as a particular church in 2008. Because of Marcos' heart for church planting and his giftedness in coaching and mentoring leaders, Marcos became the Director of Church Planting in Mexico. The Lord has given him wisdom and joy in the overseeing of the Villa Magna Mission Church and the Tapachula Mission Church. We look forward to seeing these Mission Churches work towards graduation and to seeing what other works God will bring about in Mexico.

## Carlos Rodriguez

While Marcos was on sabbatical, Carlos Rodriguez spent time checking in with Immer and Freddy in addition to checking in on some Spanish-language works for the BFC in the United States. Carlos Rodriguez is the pastor of La Roca in Reading, PA. He is also the Interim Director of Spanish-language Ministries for the BFC under the guidance of Church Extension Ministries. We are thankful for Carlos and the love and care he gives to the men and women involved in Spanish-language ministry in the BFC.



## Prayers and Partnership

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