



# Jerry & Susy McNally

## MISSIONARIES IN MEXICO AUGUST 2020

**Dear Friends,**

Wow! This year has been, possibly the most challenging and rapidly-changing in our 35 years of missionary life. In March, we put both of the youth home campuses in quarantine, closed Nations School, and suspended Nations Ministry Institute. We also cancelled all scheduled STM visits, and closed our three Nations Church campuses. Our Matamoros orphanage campus has felt the effects of the crisis, the US/Mexico borders are closed, and violence in the area has increased. We know of 20 people in our circle of influence who have lost loved ones in this trying season.

All of this has moved us to seek God even more. At the beginning of 2020, before the virus, Susy and I felt the Lord challenging us about this year being a time to lay foundations in our lives and ministry for the next 10 years. The virus has made this even more pertinent. Susy and I, the kids and staff are healthy. Nations Church has switched to an online presence and our Small Groups have doubled in number. We have been able to provide basic food supplies to about 60 needy families every week. We have also sent PPE to pastors, missionaries and medical professionals across Mexico. Nations School has gone online, and will begin the new school year online for off-campus kids and in person for Esperanza Viva orphanage kids. Nations Ministry Institute is offering a small internship this fall for former students. At this time, due to the safety issues, we have prayerfully decided to consolidate our Matamoros campus and the kids and staff will be moving to Puebla very soon.



It appears that this virus will keep spreading for the remainder of the year, and we will continue to take all the needed precautions to keep everyone safe and healthy. We are in awe and grateful at God's greatness, protection, and faithfulness to us at this time, and we look forward to all the future holds.

As a missionary couple, our financial support has decreased by about \$650 per month on average. Now more than ever we appreciate your prayers and financial support; they allow us to continue doing everything we are doing. We are grateful for you and pray for you, that you will be blessed with each passing day.

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