

Under the Shadow

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Isaiah 51:16 "And I have put my words in your mouth and covered you in the shadow of my hand"

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New Year's Resolution- Let people know about the great things that God is doing here in Santiago Zamora at la Iglesia Luterana Redentor del Mundo. Despite of the Covid restrictions, God has been doing some great things here in our little village.

Construction

This past year there has been a flurry of construction all with the intent of getting our school ready for when it can be reopened. All the classrooms have had improvements made. We now have a new office area for our director and secretary, new bathrooms, and a new kitchen.

Advent School



Due to Covid restrictions, our afterschool activities were very limited. Until October, Santiago Zamora was considered the highest risk, red, even though there was not a single case that was documented. But because the nearby town on San Antonio Aguas Calientes was in red so was this neighboring village. So most of the year, we were on hand to hand out devotions that I wrote and an activity that would reinforce the devotion.

In November, the risk level was lowered to yellow. So for the four weeks of Advent and three days a week, we held activities at the church. This activity included a time for reflecting on the angel's messages in Preparation for Jesus' birth; learning songs in Spanish and English; learning English, and arts and crafts. The children were starving for this type of activity. Most importantly, the children were able to share the love of Jesus with one another and their families.

There was also outside support that helped this become a reality. Faith Lutheran, Grand Blanc, Michigan provided the funds for a Christmas basket that each family of the program received. Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones (CPTLN) provided a video and booklets that each child took home. It was truly a blessed time for the teachers, the children, and their families.



Prayers

1. The paperwork is done so we can open the school in 2023.
2. Marco as he continues to adjust and make friends in Guatemala.
3. The families of the church and school that will grow in their love for Jesus.
4. The ministry of Redentor del Mundo now that the restrictions are letting up.