

PETERSON PERSPECTIVE

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Here. Now. This.

These wise words were spoken to Sue several years ago by a wise woman on a Covenant Deeper In Christ retreat.

During these nearly two years of pandemic challenges, we have found that these words are important to remember with loss as well as gratefulness intermingled, we live and minister here - now - this.

Trusting day by day what God is doing here with us. We are encouraged to be part of what God doing in and through the Covenant church of Mexico.

As we partner with individuals, congregations and ministries, we see lives, congregations and communities being transformed one life at a time.

Sue is ministering online in many different ways:

Sue and the MAEM Transforma leaders offered a violence awareness workshop on-line for pastors and lay leaders. Soon a small group will continue with “Mending the Soul” which helps participants deal with the pain and abuse in their own lives on their journey of healing.

Sue is also teaching “Connecting with God” at the Mexico Covenant Seminary. This four month course for pastors and leaders helps them connect and listen to God with the ear of their hearts and see how God is working in their lives. Each week they practice God's presence using different types of prayers. It is transformational.

Sue and the Thursday women are reading and reflecting their way through the Bible, using the Immersion Bible Series they are halfway through the “Kingdoms” book. Each session includes facilitation training, prayer exercises and community time together



Karl continues to serve on the Seminary leadership team

Karl, as Dean of the Mexico Covenant Seminary, is coordinating the administration of student enrollment and tracking student financial payments and seminary expenses. This semester Karl is teaching the *Panorama of the Bible* course that explores the themes of biblical revelation and inspiration, the creation of the biblical canon, and how the different genres of literature in the Old and New Testaments impact biblical interpretation.

Karl is also coordinating the course offerings for future semesters and finding professors to teach those courses. Pray that the Seminary can formalize its practices and policies so it can consistently care for the students and professors and coordinate its services to students and faculty.



New leaders elected to serve as district leaders

The two districts in central area of México elected new leaders to serve two year terms. Each leader serves on a volunteer basis. Please pray for Sandra Cazares who is now leading the Central District North churches. She pastoring "Comunidad FAST" that is both a congregation and a community development ministry. At the district level Sandra faces the challenge of leading at the end of the pandemic (hopefully). It is a critical time for a new vision and culture at the local and district level.

Also pray for Fernando Ramirez who is a bi-vocational pastor of the "United Together" Covenant church. He was elected to lead the Central District Southeast churches in January. He also faces the same challenges as Sandra ...

Minnesota, here we come!

We are starting the process of preparing to leave Mexico for our one-year Home Assignment in the U.S. (Sept. 2022-23). We will be returning in late August because Sue is changing her visa status to permanent resident.

Little help with two important needs!

First: an affordable, dog-friendly house. We prefer a place with a minimum of 2 bedrooms and 2 baths. The plan is for Jonathan to live with us during the year.

Second: dependable transportation to visit churches and get around town.

It is important to be in the Twin Cities area of Minnesota so we can be close to Sue's Mom who lives in Covenant Living of Golden Valley.



Sunday Worship in the Park

One Sunday a month, the MisionDF congregation gathers in Chapultepec Park for an open air service. This congregation meets online the other Sundays of each month. We have found “our spot” in the largest park in Mexico City. It is good to get out of the house, be near others and enjoy God’s creation. Sue preached one Sunday in Advent and has also been part of worship team on occasion.



New PO Box for Donations

The Evangelical Covenant church and Serve Globally is upgrading their gift processing to better serve individual donors and churches. The ECC is asking all donors to please send their check donations to our new PO Box address. This PO Box address is only for financial gifts to the Covenant; any other communication (letters, etc) can still be sent to the 8303 address.

The new PO Box for receiving donations is:

The Evangelical Covenant Church
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For those who want to give toward our support online the link is:
<https://giving.covchurch.org/personnel-detail/KarlandSusanPeterson>



We thank you for your prayerful and financial support. They sustain us as we serve on God’s behalf and yours; connecting people with God, serving the Mexico Covenant Church and extending God’s Kingdom one life at a time.

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