

About Mexico

There are 68 languages spoken in Mexico. Of those, 63 belong to indigenous groups who make up 15 percent of the population. These people are often overlooked and ignored. They tend to live in constant fear which drives them to manipulate and appease a variety of spirits in an attempt to gain some level of control in their lives. They might have a veneer of Catholicism which only provides additional rites and rituals to overlay their ancestral religion. What they're lacking is the saving grace of God that's only available through faith in Jesus Christ.

All the ends of the earth
shall see the salvation of our God.

Isaiah 52:10



There are several people groups which are in need of the gospel. We may end up in any of the areas shown above. The groups include the Cora, Guarijío, Mayo, Purépecha, Seri, Tepehuan, Tarahumara, and Yaqui.

Prayer Requests

- To prepare people's hearts to receive the gospel
- Clarity on teammates and people group
- Humble, teachable hearts
- Language helpers and language learning
- A strong and faithful support team
- Full participation from our kids in ministry
- Good health, sustained strength, and safe travels

The prayer of a righteous person is
powerful and effective.

James 5:16

Recommendation

"It has been a powerful experience for our entire church to see God call Gamaiel and Rebecca out of "normal" American life and to watch them respond to the work that they are called to. Many are called to "go," but it seems few families say yes when called to leave their American life and follow God into His mission and into the lives of people not yet reached with His Gospel. The Zavalas have said "yes" to God, and we are eager to support this work and watch the Lord move through this family to love and reach people who are far from God."

Billy Hunter, Pastor/Elder, Reality Ventura Church

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The Zavalas
a heart for
Mexico

Vision

Many areas of the world only have access to God's word in a national language. Oftentimes this leaves Jesus in the role of a foreign god who is rejected. Providing people Scripture and teaching in their own heart language allows them to see God's story as their own story.

We are not only interested in seeing people saved but also in discipling new believers who invite God in to affect their marriages, families, and communities, eventually leading to a mature Spirit-led church. We desire to work in the people's own language and culture in order to communicate the gospel with clarity, thereby reaching hearts, and changing lives.

Calling

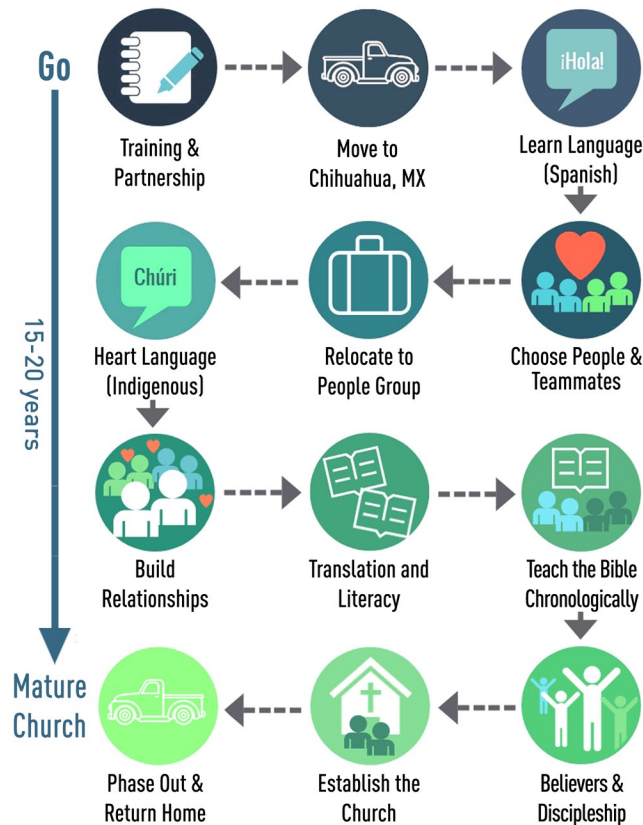
We took the Perspectives course at our church in Ventura and learned more about God's heart for the nations. We came away with the seed firmly planted that we'd like to go unto the nations. We later pursued that calling with two years of missionary training. We are now en route to Mexico.



Goal and Timeline

Our goal is to bring the gospel and God's word where it has never been before and to leave a healthy, self-sustaining, and mature church.

This is a long term endeavor requiring many steps along the way. It's only possible through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and favor of God, along with support from of the Body of Christ.

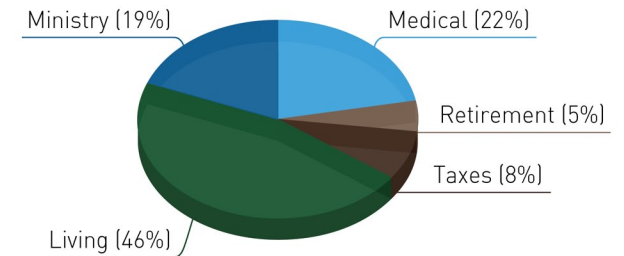


From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:16

Ministry Support

We are willing to go but we need partners to come alongside us in prayer and financial assistance so that we can focus on ministry.



Sending Agency

We have chosen Ethnos360 as our sending agency.



Ethnos360 values:

- Communicating with language and cultural fluency
- Literacy and Scripture in heart languages
- Teaching God's complete story from Genesis through the Second Coming of Christ
- Self-sustaining, multiplying, and mature churches
- Field consultation for every stage of the ministry

