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# La FAMILIA LOPEZ

SAMUEL Y ZENY LOPEZ, JUÁREZ, MEXICO

## *News from Ciudad Juárez, Mexico*

Violence continues to be a daily concern for those who live in Juárez. Samuel and Zeny are committed to remaining in Juárez in spite of what happens all around them. They know people who have suffered at the hands of criminals - and many of their acquaintances have decided to leave the city. It is estimated that at least 30,000 houses now sit abandoned in the city as families have fled to the interior of Mexico or to the United States.



*Samuel and Zeny Lopez*

*The Lopez family has been ministering in Juárez, Mexico as church planters since 2006. The church plant is Misión Frontera de Gracia (Border of Grace Mission). There are currently 40 people attending on a regular basis on Sunday mornings and God is bringing Samuel into contact with new people on a weekly basis. Samuel and Zeny were married in September 2006 and have two daughters: 3-year-old Jannai and 6-month-old Raquel.*

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## *Misión Frontera de Gracia*

The church plant, Misión Frontera de Gracia (Border of Grace Mission), lead by Samuel Lopez, is located in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico. For the past eight months, the mission has been meeting in a Hampton Inn where they rent a meeting room for \$50/week. Samuel and Zeny began this church plant alongside Josue and Martha Mayo in 2005 with outreach and Bible studies. Worship began in their house and later moved to a rented room on the second floor above a corner store. In June, 2010, the group moved to a renovated automobile body shop owned by a member of the mission, but this proved inadequate for the mission's needs. In December, 2010, they finally found a comfortable meeting space at the Hampton Inn, although the mission is quickly outgrowing that space and will soon be looking for another meeting area.

# News from Frontera de Gracia

## CONVERSION EXPERIENCES

God is working in the midst of the church plant and Samuel has many new contacts with whom he is sharing the gospel. Recently, he was able to share the gospel with a lawyer (Jorge) and his wife (Nilda) who received Christ through his witness. This man and his wife are now confronting two big problems. First, as a lawyer in Juárez, Jorge has recently been threatened with death by some men who went to his house to hire him as their lawyer. However, he refused to be 'bought' by them and so they left him with a verbal threat to do him harm. Jorge has lost several friends due to the violence in Juárez. Second, as a result of this threat, he has developed juvenile diabetes - his pancreas has ceased to make insulin. He is now insulin-dependent which has had a great affect on his overall health. This double blow has shaken their sense of security and confidence, but as a result of hearing the gospel from Samuel and receiving Christ, they now have hope. They know that when this mortal body dies that their souls will be with Christ in heaven. Praise the Lord, Jorge and his wife are inviting their family members to come to the Frontera de Gracia mission. Samuel believes that God has great things for this family and continues to follow up with them in Bible study and prays that soon others from their family will enter into God's family.

## PRAYER NEEDS

- Pray for the extension of God's kingdom in Juárez through Samuel and Zeny.
  - Pray for their safety and the safety of the believers who attend Frontera de Gracia.
  - Pray for the safety and spiritual growth of Jorge and Nilda.
- Pray for José. He joined the church about one year ago and is working with the youth. José is a nurse by profession and recently had surgery on his one good eye. He lost the use of the other sometime ago. They had to replace the lens in his good eye but there are problems with the replacement lens and it is not working correctly. The doctors will re-operate on this eye on May 18. Please pray that the second surgery will be successful.
  - Pray for future leaders for this church plant. Without good leadership a church can't grow to full independence.

## **SUPPORT NEEDS**

**From BEAMM Coordinator Gene Bowman**

*I would like to express a sincere Thank You on the part of Samuel and Zeny to all who have faithfully prayed for their ministry and generously given to their financial support over the years! The Lopez family is currently facing a \$300/month shortfall in their support fund. In three months their account will be without any reserve. Would you be able to help supply some of their financial need? If so, please send your tax-deductible gift to the account and address below as soon as possible.*

*To partner with the Samuel and Zeny in their ministry, please send your gift to:*

**Mission to the World  
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