

Padilla Prayer Update
March, 2010
El Paso / Ciudad Juarez

Dear Friends in Christ,

I thank God for each of you who tirelessly partner with us in making the Gospel of Jesus known. Though you are far away from the "border" you are near to the Lord as you pray and intercede for us. ¡Muchas gracias!

1. Border violence

The number of murders in Juarez rises every day; at the present pace, 2010 will see about 3,000 murders. Please ask the Lord to powerfully restrain the evil one and frustrate the plans of the drug cartels that are responsible for much of the violence. Ask the Lord to protect his people, especially those churches with whom we labor in Juarez.

Thankfully El Paso feels little direct impact of the Juarez upheaval, but we mourn with our brothers and sisters there.

2. Valentine's Day Outreach

On Feb.9 we hosted an outreach dinner at a local restaurant in which members of Las Tierras invited un-churched friends and neighbors. Forty-three people showed for this enjoyable evening. There were about 5 non-Christians couples. A fellow El Paso pastor shared briefly about the love of God being the foundation of the love between couples.

Praise God with us for an enjoyable evening, and ask the Lord to cause the seeds of truth to bear good fruit in those that came.

3. Rodriguez House

We had a group of about 20 come down from Missouri to help us in the construction of the Rodriguez house. Thank God with us for their excellent work and desire for serving the King.

Ask God to provide for the next phase of the house. We need to finish the electrical, but the big chunk will be the flooring (tile) and then the kitchen cabinets. Please pray for the Lord to raise up more volunteers and funds for these projects.

4. "Pray for our Neighbor" outreach

Last month we started an outreach in which we ask neighbors, friends and co-workers

how we might pray for them. We have developed a card, one half of which they keep and the other half we keep with a record of their petitions.

Pray that folks in Las Tierras would be bold and gracious in offering to serve others in this way; ask God to use this to open and soften the hearts of many of those with whom we come into contact.

5. Easter Service

In a couple of weeks we will be distributing fliers in our community inviting neighbors to our Easter worship service. Ask the Lord to bring the folks he wants to Las Tierras. Pray that we would continue to have favor with our community.

Once again, thank you for standing with us!

Serving Him Together,
Manuel "Tito" Padilla