



# A snapshot of February

## Gutierrez Ministry Update

“And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.”

### 1 Thessalonians 5:14



“I really appreciate all of you who sacrificed part of your day to come help us out, especially those who did not know us.”

Imagine having 30 minutes to collect the belongings of your family of 5 (soon to be 6) while a foreclosure agent waits at your front door to change the locks and seal it closed from you. Imagine giving birth to your fourth child, just days later, and being thankful that the doctor gave you a few extra days in the hospital because you have nowhere else to go. Imagine not being able to bring your new baby home, but rather having to farm your family out to various relatives while you search for a new place to live.

This was what the Castro\* family went through just a few weeks ago. Having drifted away from Mision Vida Nueva a few months prior, the Castros suddenly found themselves in a very helpless place, with no church family to turn to, nor the confidence that they could call on MVN. But as a church, we were not going to let them go. We were persistent in calling them, checking on them, visiting them in the hospital, and offering to help in any way we could. Even though they had left, they were still our family. Two days after their baby was born, they received word that their home would be opened the next day, from 9-5, for them to salvage whatever belongings they could. They needed our help, especially since so many of their friends and family could not take off work to be there. We gathered a crew from our church, the seminary and New Life, and worked until we had gathered all we could.

Although this family had left MVN, they had not left our hearts or our prayers. We were thankful that in a time of great need, we were still able to encourage our brothers, and show them love and patience. The husband has since started coming back to church with his children, but restoration is not yet complete. We pray that this was an important step in their healing and that they will come back to MVN. Please continue to pray with us, as we patiently extend our love to this family.

In Him,

### Items for prayer

**MVN** Praise that we are having a regular attendance of 60+ people each Sunday.

Prayer that the Castro family would return to regular church attendance

Prayer that our church funds would increase so we can continue to meet in our same location.

**Family** Pray with us that we could adopt our little foster daughter, who we have cared for since September.

Pray for Alicia as she continues to grow our little baby due in August, and especially that she will stay healthy.

**Support** Please pray for more people to join our support team - we still need more monthly giving!



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