

Cantrell Newsletter  
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## GREETINGS!

Our names are Michael and Kim Cantrell. We have been married for 32 years and Deaf alumni of the Sunset International Bible Institute (SIBI). We are members of the Sunset Church of Christ as well. Also, we have two grown-up daughters whose names are Joyee and Lila, who is deaf. Joyee is married to Dusty Plank, whose parents are Steve and Joy. Lila is a single.

Since April 2015, as first-time deaf missionaries, we have been working with the Deaf church at *Iglesia de Cristo Metropolitana* in Mexico City, Mexico. Last April 2020 was our 5th-anniversary service. What a blessing! It *has indeed been an honor and a privilege* to serve the brethren of their country. Of course, we will continue our deaf mission work in Mexico (Lord willing).

Our passions are to continue reaching the Deaf souls throughout the city of Mexico City and the states of Mexico because Deaf people need Jesus. One in every thousand people in the country of Mexico are deaf. Unquestionably, Deaf people are found in every nation!

We are focusing on our entire ministry building, edifying, and growth in the deaf church. What challenges us the most is to learn Spanish language and

Lengua de Señas Mexicana (LSM), which means Mexican Sign Language. Every Sunday, the congregation listens to God's word and is taught how to encourage each other to grow spiritually and how to share the gospel with the deaf world. Also, we train some men and women to carry out for God's work and to help them lead other Deaf into a relationship with Him. Those deaf members we train are not trained fully yet. We will continuously pray for them. We will ensure that they will be "able" to teach others - **2 Timothy 2:2**.

Additionally, at least two of our deaf members took and passed a Bible History course that I taught and used from SIBI material. This month, that is, August, the Life of Christ course will be prepared soon. I usually teach a class once or twice a week, either at the Zoom meeting or at the church building. It depends on how the COVID-19 lasts.

Also, we teach the LSM class in which at least five students take on Saturdays. Hopefully, we will be able to resume our LSM class in the next few weeks.

Since we started our mission work in April 2015, there were at least two members only. Later, there are nine baptized into Christ; however, at least five members left their faith due to

their problems related to unfaithful, disobedience, immortality, and worldly materialism due to their Mexican customs and traditions. The average Sunday attendance is 6. Still, the deaf congregation continues to grow slowly in their spiritual maturity in Christ. Some of members struggle to keep up their faith because of their problems in life. The deaf church needs the love of God.

Since the COVID-19 started, we had to make an effort to figure out how to keep in contact with the deaf church because we could not go to the church building for all purposes. Then there is a way we found by setting up a Zoom meeting for the Bible classes and other purposes. Also, I preach the word of God every Sunday on Facebook Live. That is not easy, but it is worth the effort. They are indeed beneficial to all of us. Through Facebook, some of our members share my preaching sermons with their friends. Amazing!

Indeed, we see at the amazing things God is doing as a result of our continuing mission work.

We pray for all of us that we will continue to **"fight the good fight of faith"** - 1 Timothy 6:12.

As we know, the COVID pandemic affects different people in different ways and even makes changes in

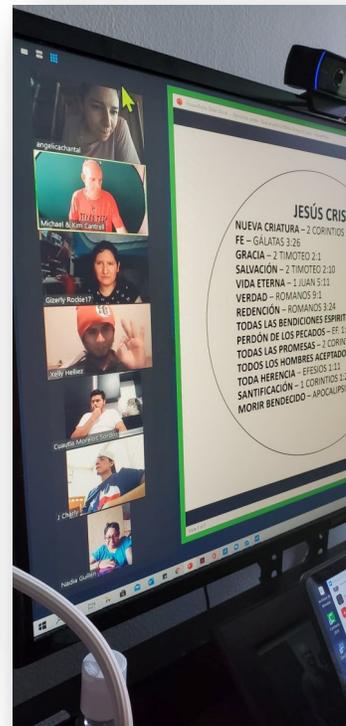


people’s life. Every day we face a lot of constraints and obstacles. However, we must remember that God is in His control all the time. Therefore, we do trust our Lord every day.

During the COVID-19 time, what excites us is that five new visitors desperately thirst to know the truth about Jesus Christ by joining us through the Zoom meeting on and Sundays and Wednesdays. What a blessing! We do not let the COVID interfere with our mission work! We must continue to seek first God’s kingdom and His righteousness—**Matthew 6:33**! We know that we “*can do all things through Him who strengthen*” us—**Philippians 4:13**.

Our Mission Statement:

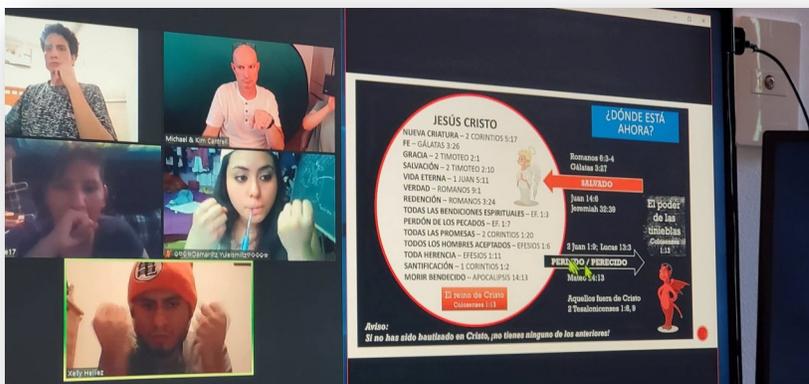
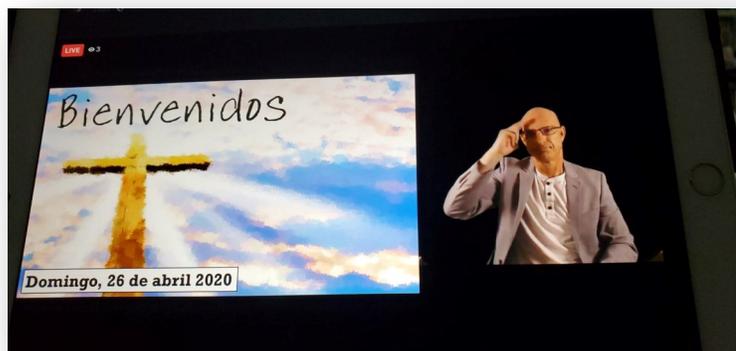
*"Our mission is to bring deaf people to Jesus Christ, the Savior, and help them become fully devoted followers of Christ – **Matthew 28:19-20.**"*



Once the COVID pandemic in the city of Mexico City stops spreading, Kim and I will try to survey the Deaf communities throughout the city of Mexico City to see what we can do for them. Doing this so, it will probably give us a chance to study the word of God with those deaf people who are interested.

We would like to make remarks. We want to thank you for believing in us, supporting us financially, and always praying for us! Without your help, there is no way we could do in our deaf ministry. Indeed, we can see that Jesus has entrusted the mission work to us.

Finally, we pray that the Sunset Missions Sunday will be a success for all the missionaries who serve for Jesus' cause. God bless you all!



**LET’S GLORIFY THE LORD!**

In loving Christ,  
Michael & Kim Cantrell



Romans  
16:16