

JOSHUA & AMANDA ALLRED

MÉRIDA, MEXICO



November/December 2025:

Dear church and friends,

Another year is in the books! At the beginning of each new year, I am amazed at how fast the last one went by and excited to think that we are one year closer to the Lord's return!

2025 was a year of exciting growth for the South Mérida Baptist Church. We relaunched the church plant in October, 2024. In 2025, we were able to evangelize door-to-door in three neighborhoods surrounding the church. We knocked on every door, leaving thousands of tracts and invitations to our church. We were able to share the Gospel with 576 people, 112 of whom prayed to receive Christ. Please pray for every one of these people to take the next step and begin attending church faithfully. We have a little over 50 people attending regularly, including adults and children. Fifteen of the adults started taking new discipleship courses last Sunday. We are excited to see both spiritual and numerical growth! We have 70 chairs at the church. Our New Year's Resolution is to run out of chairs this year and have to buy more!

We also made great progress on the construction project for the North Mérida Baptist Church in 2025. We were able to get all the building permits, clear the land, lay the foundation, run plumbing, and pour the footers for the new church building. The church people continue to give towards the project and several supporting churches in the U.S. have given generous offerings as well. We now have 45% of the money we need to finish. Please pray for the Lord to provide the rest of the funds needed and for the construction to move forward smoothly with no hindrances. If your church would like to contribute to this project, any donation you can make will be greatly appreciated!

In November, we sent a mission team to Uruguay. Our missionary, Pablo Simó, and his family were greatly encouraged by their visit. As missionaries ourselves, we know just how much of a blessing mission teams can be! Those who went on the trip returned with a greater zeal and vision for global mission work. Please pray that our churches will never stop growing in our passion for world evangelization!

In November, we had our annual Men's Retreat. As always, it was a tremendous blessing! Each of the pastors preached on the theme of holiness in our personal lives, in our homes, and in our churches. We had a great time of fellowship and returned home edified, challenged, invigorated, and strengthened in unity.

In December, all four churches were busy with special Christmas events. Many people heard the Good News of the Savior's birth and sacrifice on the cross. We were blessed to see the turnout and the enthusiastic participation from the church members.

Please pray for 2026 to be another year of growth for our ministry! Pray for the many activities we have coming up, our evangelism ministries, the discipleship and seminary classes, and the construction of the new building. Pray for the Lord to provide the funds we need and the physical and spiritual strength for the many challenges that we are sure to face along the way. Thank you for remaining constant in your prayers and support for us. We want to say a special thank you to the friends and churches who sent an extra love offering to us for Christmas! Your extra gifts are always a blessing and remind us how fortunate we are to be supported by "cheerful givers!" May the Lord bless you and give you a wonderful year in 2026!

Yours in Christ,
Joshua, Amanda, & the kids