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Oso Valdez had a mind of his own; he was an interesting young man in our son Jeff's youth group. Jeff led him to the Lord, and his teenage years were spent at our church. When Oso was a teenager his father decided he wanted to be a Jehovah's Witness and left the church. But Oso refused to leave. He grew spiritually, went to Bible school, and in 2015 became the pastor of Iglesia Bautista Peninsular. He has faithfully led the church since then. Over the years he had one consistent characteristic: he never complained or asked for money! When Covid hit and the offerings and attendance were way down, he never said a word; he just found jobs and worked to support his family and needy people in the church. Finally, this year the attendance is rebounding!

So, in October when he began to have swelling and pain in his left hand, he tried to treat it himself. He ended up with huge swelling and infection in his hand and arm—so much so that the doctor wanted to amputate his arm! One of the men in the church intervened and got him to another doctor who was able to treat the infection. After \$2500 USD of medical expenses in 30 days, Pastor Oso is on the mend! Thank you, Lord! The church learned a valuable lesson: they need to take better care of their pastor! And Oso learned that he can trust God for anything!



Carolyn and I were able to return to Yucatan in October. It was encouraging to see the church full of happy people and great to see all that's happening in the villages. It was a blessing for me personally to be able to preach and share various times.

Meanwhile work continues at the Tahdzibichen project:



1) \$5000 has been given to complete the "Gospel Trail." Praise the Lord!

2) A work team is scheduled to complete the children's classroom at the Iglesia Bautista Hermosa (the Beautiful Baptist Church) in Tahdzibichen. Don't you just love the name they have chosen for their church? The church is beautiful and precious to them.



3) Praise the Lord for money that has been pledged, but funds are still needed for a work truck with stiffer suspension and with racks for hauling building materials and corn to the villages.

4) Pray for Pastor Oso and Pastor Antonio to continue reaching people with the Gospel

And thank you, faithful friends, for continuing to give and pray for us.

Sincerely,
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