

Dear friends, family members and supporters,

In our February letter we wrote to you briefly about the “ashes” we had experienced (Blanca’s surgery, local church leadership clashes, and computer problems), but focused on all the many blessings we had experienced during December and January.

We are happy to report further good news on all fronts:

- Blanca has finished her radiation treatment and that overall it went well. It was a time-consuming process, but it is over.
- The Mexican synod wisely intervened in the local leadership issues, and it looks like positive change and healing will now be possible for the pastors and churches here.
- We bought a new laptop to replace the one that was destroyed, and it is working wonderfully.

In February Dave had the privilege of taking part in the examination and ordination of Odón Paredes. Odón is one of Dave’s seminary graduates and is now the pastor of Gethsemani Church in Xochimilco.

Dave is putting the finishing touches on conferences he will give in Tabasco during Easter week. He will be speaking on marital conflict resolution with the adults, and on forgiveness with the youth. He is also helping organize the annual retreat for the Mexico missionaries in late April. Please pray for safe travel and an enjoyable and productive time for the missionaries.

We request your prayers for wisdom as we consider the monthly Herceptin injections that the doctors are recommending for Blanca for the next year. The strong side effects are disconcerting, but her cancer was an aggressive kind, so the treatment seems necessary.

Finally, we wanted to share with you how proud we are of our kids. Daniel’s catechism teacher reported that he is quite pleased with his maturity and knowledge, and Alexandra had the opportunity recently to witness to her elementary classmates with a speech about the Bible.

Thanks to you all for your interest, prayers and support. In Christ,

*Dave and Blanca Gifford, Daniel and Alexandra*

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## **Dave and Blanca Gifford**

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### **Ministry objectives:**

1. Teach at / develop the Reformed Theological Seminary of Mexico, and develop free Spanish resources on the web
2. Give conferences on various topics across Mexico to Reformed Presbyterian (RPC) churches
3. Network the RPC by developing and maintaining its website, pastor’s directory and statistics
4. Assist local churches in Mexico City and host Service and Learning teams from Christian Reformed churches

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We were just 2% (\$900) short of our minimum support raising goal for the first 8 months of this fiscal year (July – February). Thank you, everyone!

### **Prayer needs:**

- Wisdom regarding Blanca’s medical treatment
- Dave’s conference in Tabasco
- Missionary retreat in late April
- Our children, Daniel and Alexandra