

# Living out God's Mission in Mexico: Wendy Der & Ivan Ramos

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#### Mexico City — 21,782,000 (5<sup>th</sup> largest city in the world -2020)



Establishing churches, Equipping leaders and Engaging in holistic mission by partnering with the church globally.



## SERVING IN MEXICO

- Recruiting, training and sending missionaries from the US, Mexico and around the world!
- Helping at local churches through leading worship, teaching and preaching
- Bringing translated Bibles to Oaxaca
- Teaching music classes
- Sharing the Gospel with neighbors and friends through word and deed





Honduras 2018







Long-term Mexican staff and workers

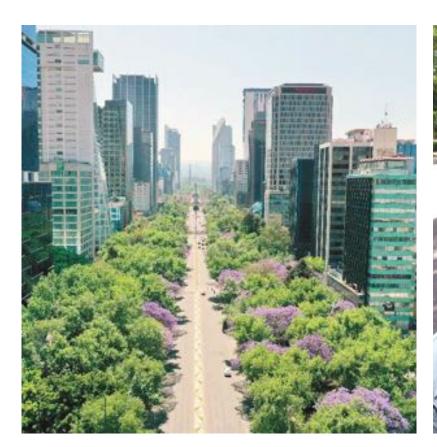


#### Unidos en Misión México

Sending workers from all the world to all the world!

**China 2018** 

## Mexico City during the Pandemic







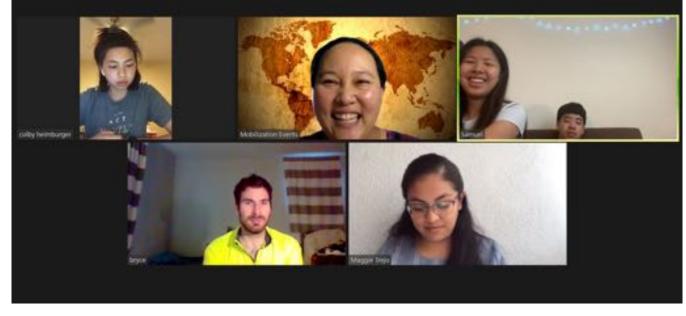
### A time to Stop, Reflect, Develop healthy habits and Find new ways to serve



#### DAILY QUARANTINE QUESTIONS:

- 1. What am I GRATEFUL for today?
- 2. Who am I CHECKING IN ON OV CONNECTING WITH today?
- 3. What expectations of normal "am I LETTING GO OF today?
- 4. How am I GETTING OUTSIDE today?
- 5. How am I MOVING MY BODY today?
- 6. What BEAUTY am I either creating, cultivating, or inviting in today?

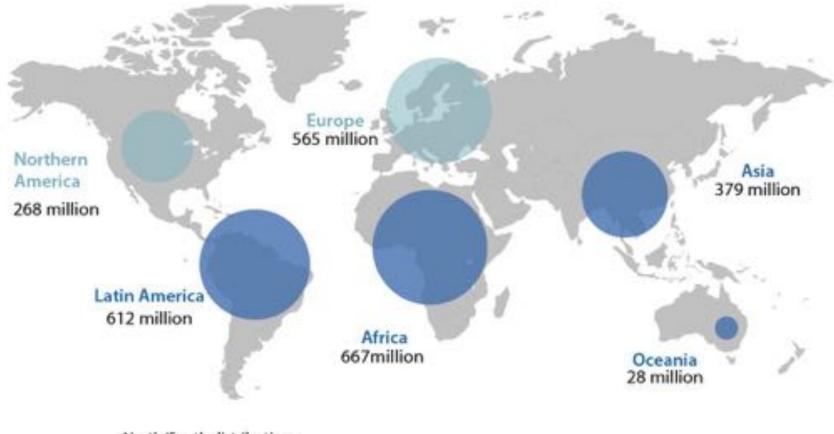




#### Christians by continent, 2020

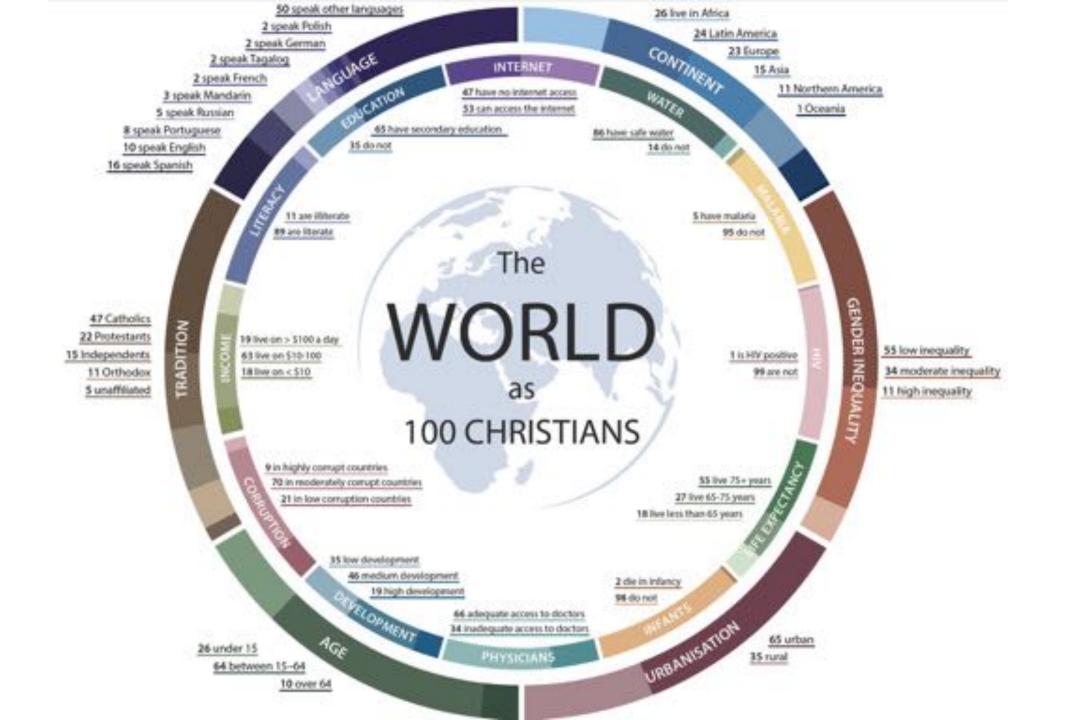
### Getting Further Training...

- Global Leadership & Global Spirituality class at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
- Director of Global Mobilization





Source: World Christian Database



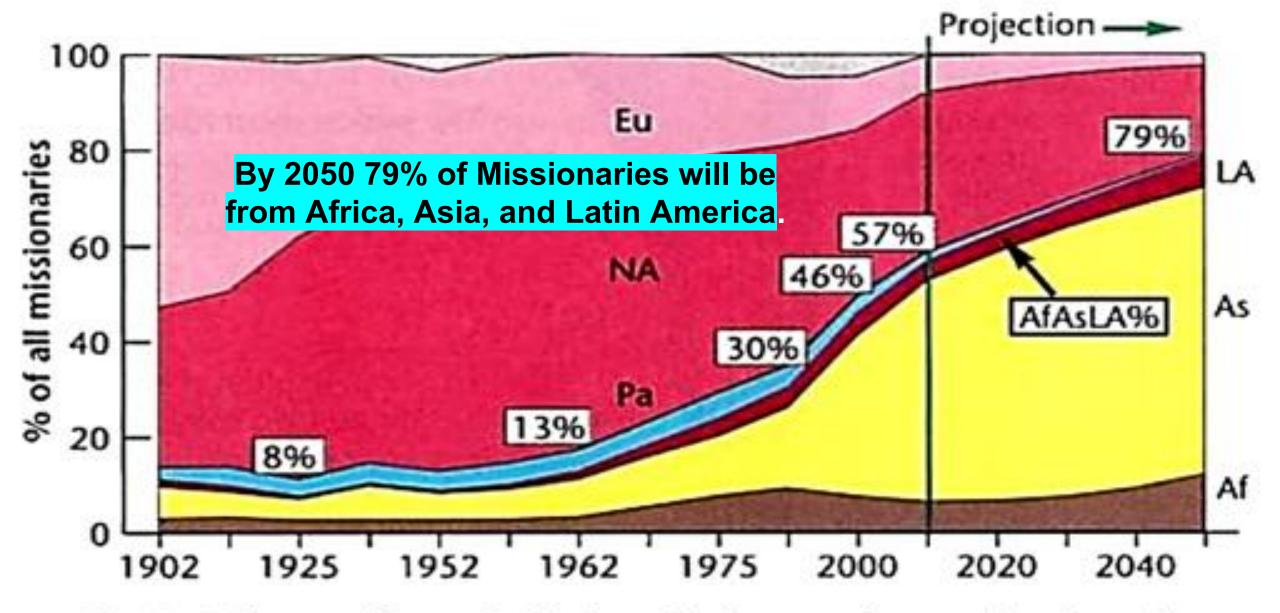


Fig 8.6 The sending of missionaries by continent, showing the growth of the AfAsLA component, 1900–2050

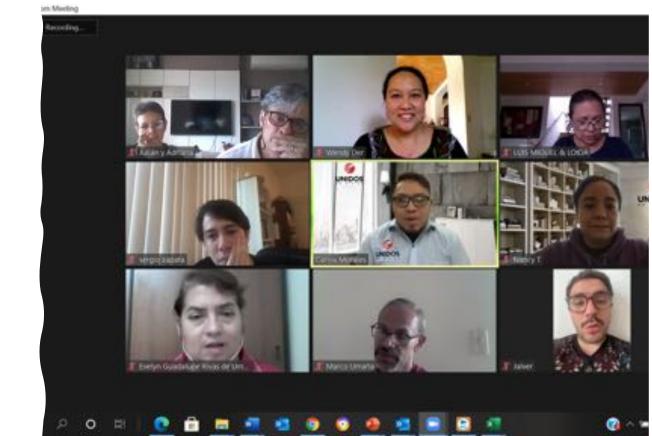


# ...And training others!

- New US Mobilization Director
- New Global Mobilization Coaches
- New Latino Associate Missionaries from Mexico, El Salvador and Colombia bringing the Gospel to the nations!







# Starting a new Faith Adventure together!

- Casa de la Vid Home of the Vine (John 15)
- Retreat home for pastors, missionaries, ministry leaders, family and friends in Tequisquiapan, Queretaro
- A place for rest, renewal and facilitated retreats with Jesus!
- Nuestra casa es su casa! Our home is your home!









# Receiving family, friends, and ministry leaders in TEQUIS









## Prayer Requests

- Marriage and ministry Blessed to be a blessing!
- Mexican church POEMA
- Our friends and neighbors in Mexico City and Tequis
- Casa de la Vid ministry
- Global Mobilization ministry

"Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God!" William Carey









# Ways to Partner with Us





- Pray!
- Give Join our financial support team and be a part of blessing the nations
- Sponsor a spiritual retreat for pastors, missionaries and ministry leaders
- Go Serve among the 40,000 Chinese in Mexico City, the 21,000,000+ Mexicans in Mexico City, and use your gifts to share the love of Jesus with our neighbors, friends and contacts!
- Learn more about God's Word, God's world and God's work in the world – Xplore or GoMobilize studies –

www.mobilization.org/resources/live-missionally/

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## Hakuna Mungu Kama Wewe

No Hay Nadie Como Jesucristo
There's No One Like Jesus



Hakuna Mungu kama wewe

No hay nadie como Jesucristo There's no one, there's no one like Jesus

Hakuna Mungu kama weee

No hay nadie como nuestro Rey There's no one, there's no one like Him

Hakuna Mungu kama wewe

No hay nadie como Jesucristo There's no one, there's no one like Jesus

Hakuna na hatakuwepo

No hay nadie, no hay nadie como Él There's no one, there's no one like Him



#### Nimetembea kote kote

Voy caminando, nadie nadie I'm walking, walking – no one, no one

#### Nimetafuta kote kote

Y voy buscando, nadie nadie I'm searching, searching – no one, no one

#### Nimezinguka kote kote

Sigo volteando, nadie nadie I'm turning – no one, no one

#### Hakuna na hatakuwepo

No hay nadie, no hay nadie como Él There's no one, there's no one like Him!

# Questions in the Storm that Help us Grow our Faith in Jesus

Luke 8:22-25



# The Power of Good Questions

"Questioning spurs learning and the exchange of ideas, it fuels innovation and performance improvement, it builds rapport and trust among team members...Asking a lot of questions unlocks learning and improves interpersonal bonding." (The Surprising Power of Questions, HBR, May-June 2018).

- Why?
- Where were you?
- What do you want me to do for you?



## What would you do?

#### Luke 8:22-25

<sup>22</sup> One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. <sup>23</sup> As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

<sup>24</sup> The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!"

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. <sup>25</sup> "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

#### Mark 4:35-41

<sup>35</sup> That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." <sup>36</sup> Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. <sup>37</sup> A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. <sup>38</sup> Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

- <sup>39</sup> He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.
- <sup>40</sup> He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"
- <sup>41</sup> They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

#### Matthew 8:23-27

- <sup>23</sup> Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. <sup>24</sup> Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. <sup>25</sup> The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"
- <sup>26</sup> He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.
- <sup>27</sup> The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

## Question 1

- "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" (Mark 4:38)
- "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" (Luke 8:25)
- "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" (Matthew 8:25)



# How well do you know Jesus?

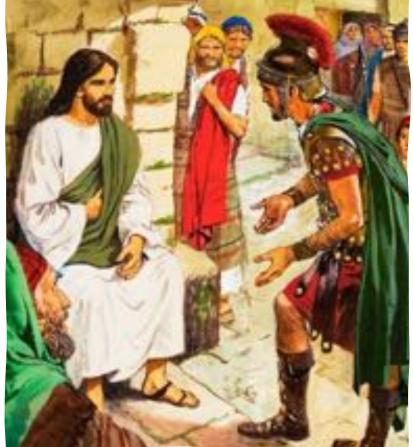
- 1) Do you keep a journal or write down what you are learning and experiencing about Jesus?
- 2) Spend time re-reading the Gospels and ask Jesus to reveal more of Himself to you in a new way!
- 3) How many names of Jesus do you know and use when you pray to Him?

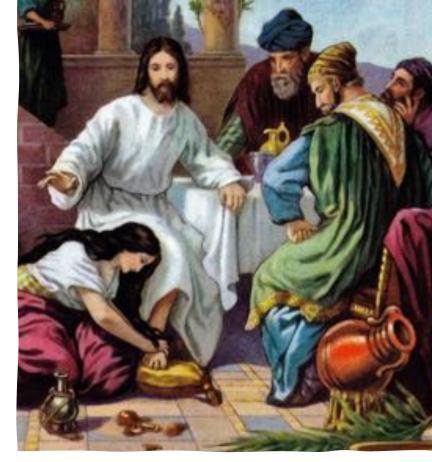
## Question 2

- "Where is your faith?" (Luke 8:25)
- "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith? (Mark 4:40)
- "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" (Matthew 8:26)









# Exmples of great faith

- Luke 5:17-26 Healing of the paralytic man. "When Jesus saw their faith, he said, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven." (Luke 5:20)
- Luke 7:1-10 The faith of the centurion soldier. "When Jesus heard this, he was *amazed* at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, 'I tell you, *I have not found such great faith even in Israel*." (Luke 7:9)
- Luke 7:36-50 Jesus anointed by a sinful woman. "Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (Luke 7:48,50)

#### Faith entails...

- 1. Knowing Jesus (not just head knowledge but personal, experiential knowledge of our Lord and Savior)
- 2. Believing Jesus (that what He says is true, both about Himself and His promises to us)
- **3. Trusting Jesus** (acting on what we believe to be true, like in the case of the paralytic man, the centurion soldier and the woman who anointed Jesus' feet).

# What would Jesus say to you in the midst of the storm?

"Your faith has saved you, go in peace." or "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?"

#### Choose Faith over Fear!

- Search for God's promises in the Bible and write them down, memorize them, and hold them in your heart
- 2) Pray and remember that Jesus is in control. Remember that he cares for you and won't let you drown.
- 3) Write down how Jesus has saved you from different storms in your life, share them with others, and re-tell them so you continue to remember, believe and trust Jesus in the midst of the storm.

### Question 3

- "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him." (Luke 8:25)
- "They were terrified and asked each other,
   'Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" (Mark 4:41)
- "The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!" (Matthew 8:27)



## 3 Questions

- The disciples asked, "Jesus, don't you care if we drown?"
- 2. Jesus responded, "Where is your faith?"
- 3. The disciples' responded: "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the waves, and they obey Him."



# 3 Answers to Grow Your Faith in the Midst of the Storm

- 1. Jesus cares and He won't let us drown.
- Jesus wants us to choose faith over fear and believe who He says He is and act upon that belief which shows our trust in Him.
- 3. Jesus alone is worthy of our worship because He is the Lord over the storm!



