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CONGRATULATIONS!

Misael Custodio has been the Rector of the Seminario Teológico Juan Calvino for many years. Many years ago, Dr. Max Lathrop made arrangements for Misael to study at the seminary in Mexico City. Misael grew up in the town of Cheran, where Max lived and ministered among the P'urepecha people in the state of Michoacán.

Misael did exceptionally well in his studies at the seminary, and was invited to stay on to join the faculty there, which he did. His outstanding gifts and graces became an outstanding asset to the school. One of the advantages of the seminary is that all of the faculty also serve as pastors of various Presbyterian churches in the city, bringing real-world experience to the classroom.

After the seminary broke with the CRC in the states, there were some hard times for the school. At one point Misael found himself working third shift in a bakery in order to support his ministry. But the Lord was faithful to that little school, and it continued to grow in influence and outreach for the Reformation in Mexico. Today, the Seminario Teológico Juan Calvino is in the forefront for advancing real Reformation in the churches in Mexico. And I consider it a privilege to be able to work with them to that end.

In the last couple of years, the seminary has risen to meet the challenges of providing quality Biblical training in a world drastically affected by COVID. So while much of their instruction is now accomplished online, they are still faithfully bringing the truths of the Reformation Gospel to bear on the very real needs of the Mexican church today. And in the

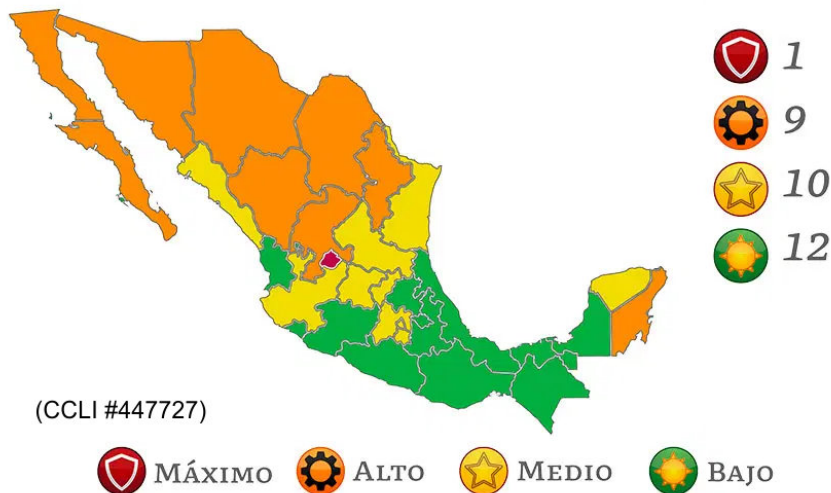
process they are able to reach people who otherwise they would not have been able to reach.

Misael has faithfully served the Lord there at the seminary for as long as I have been involved in Mexico. But just recently Misael has been blessed to achieve a milestone in the work there. On January 8, the seminary held its graduation ceremony. And besides the other graduates that day, Misael earned his Doctor of Divinity degree, the fruit of long, faithful study. So we congratulate Dr. Misael Custodio Villa, my friend, and our key man among the P'urepecha in Mexico!

Concerning the virus situation there in Mexico, we had been hopeful that the ending of the third wave would not give way to a fourth wave. But with the new Omicron strain, it appears the fourth wave is making its appearance.

The average daily new cases are up 910% from the low in December. Where most of the country had been “green” on their 4-color stoplight system, which was very good news, the January 24th map now has only 12 states green, with most of the rest either yellow or orange. Fortunately, at this time only one state is the highest risk “red.” Mexico City is still only medium-risk “yellow,” while we are grateful that Michoacán is still low-risk “green.” But it appears that the 4th wave is growing, so we are praying that the Lord contains the spread, and continues to keep his preserving hand upon our brothers and sisters there in Michoacán, as well as in Mexico City.

Coronavirus risk map January 24- February 6



Please continue to keep our brothers and sisters at the seminary and in Michoacán in your prayers, that they will continue to rise to the challenges ahead, while remaining faithful to the authentic Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As to my ongoing battle with prostate cancer, I have now completed my two-month regimen of radiation treatments. They said it will be a few

behalf.

In Christ's Service and Yours,

Bill Higgins

Field Secretary for Mexico



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