



Higgins' Herald

Westminster Biblical Missions

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It was General Assembly week for the Reformed Presbyterian Church General Assembly, that met in Chattanooga, TN. Bill was there, representing Westminster Biblical Missions, and our work on the Mexico field. The last RPCGA General Assembly was in 2018, and Bill was present at that one as well. At the 2018 assembly, Bill reported that we were making progress working towards a fully functional presbytery among the P'urepecha, with our "presbytery

under construction." Now at this assembly, Bill was able to report that, with the churches in Cheran and Paracho, and the mission churches in Cheranastico, Morelia, and Arantepacua, we now have a fully functioning, wholly indigenous presbytery among



the P'urepecha. It is called the Presbyterian Church in the P'urepecha Field (the IPCP). This was welcome news, warmly received by the General Assembly.

Bill was also glad to be able to say that he is planning to visit the field there in Mexico this Fall, for a Reformation Conference in late October, where he will be talking about the German reformer, the "other" Martin, Martin Bucer. So many of the issues that Bucer faced in his day, are still very pertinent to our situation today, and we can learn a lot from this "other" Martin.

We have followed the COVID situation in Mexico since the virus made its first appearance, and have seen 4 waves of the

virus wash over Mexico. So, will there be a 5th wave? Well, it turns out the 5th wave began in May, though it was not reported until after the June elections. The number of active

cases is still on the rise, but some experts are predicting that the 5th wave will peak in June or July, and that the death-toll will be far lower than in the earlier waves, partly because the disease has already claimed a large percentage of the most vulnerable of the population.

Some states are hit harder than others, and some of those states are re-introducing mask mandates, and other protective measures. Currently, Michoacán is not as greatly affected, with an average of 49 new cases per day, and 1.1 cases per 100,000 people. Mexico City is harder hit, with an average of 3,220 new cases per day, and 36 cases per 100,000 people.



not return. His strength, stamina, and endurance are very slow in returning, and it is still difficult maintain his workload. We are praying that the Lord will renew his strength and increase his energy levels soon.

Thank you for your prayers for our work among the P'urepecha in Mexico. Your prayers really do make a difference.

In Christ's Service

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bill Higgins".

Bill Higgins

We are praying that this 5th wave peaks soon, and begins to wane, and that there will not be a 6th wave, and that the virus will have subsided to more manageable levels by the time Bill travels there in October.

Bill's cancer numbers are really good now, and we are praying that his July numbers will also be low, and that the cancer does



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