## March 2021

# Central church of Christ

SERVING AS GOD'S HEART AND HANDS IN THIS COMMUNITY

## <u>Mission</u> <u>Statement</u>

To be God's heart and God's hands in this community and beyond.

#### Vision Statement

As followers of Christ, our vision is to be a Godcentered, relationship-driven, small-group church committed to equipping all people to live out the life of Christ.

## Contact Information

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361-573-9133

#### Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 8:30-5:00 Friday 8:30-12:00

#### **Good Morning Church!**

From it's beginning, the Central
church of Christ has been
involved in foreign mission work.
Even before we owned property
or a building we did mission
work. The focus of this church
has always been evangelism and
benevolence.

Currently, we are working in the state of Guerrero, Mexico or Gro., Mexico. It is located in southern Mexico along the Pacific Ocean. At this time, we are supporting a native missionary, whose name is • Freddy Perez, with his wife, Areli. Freddy grew up in a Christian home in Gro. There he attended college and earned a degree in engineering. While working as an engineer, he felt called by God to teach and preach His word. He graduated from a preaching school in Mexico, and later became a teacher at that school.

Central hired Freddy to become the pulpit minister in Chilpancingo, Gro. As time passed Freddy became a native missionary in the state of Gro. with the support of Central. In 11 years, Freddy and his coworkers have taught and baptized 181 people and planted the church in 11 towns and cities. These churches are all self supported.

In addition, 750 solar powered audio New Testaments called Proclaimers, have been distributed to 17 remote towns in the mountainous areas of Gro. The people that live there are descendants of the Aztec Indians and worship the gods of their ancestors, which includes idolatry and witchcraft. They speak a language called Nahuatl, and most cannot read or speak Spanish. These New Testament Proclaimers speak the Word of God in Nahuatl, their native language.

Most recently Freddy has been asked by Sunset International Bible Institute to begin a satellite school which is taught through the internet. Presently there are 16 students, 2 of which study full -time and 14 that study part-time, These students are some of those 181 baptisms. The first full time student is being supported by the Brothers and Sisters in Mexico; along with a Sister in Texas. The second full time student is supported by the Church here at Central.

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The plan is to place these full time students in cities with no established church where they will study and begin teaching, so that a church will be planted. Those students will receive financial support of \$400.00/month. Our goal is to plant the Lord's Church in every town and city in Gro. There are 62 municipalities in Gro., and so far the Church has been planted in 20.

You may be thinking what do we need to do to continue this work? We need to pray fervently and stay faithful in our support for this fruitful work. Another need is to continue funding the FEG, which is the Fund to Evangelize Guerrero. The FEG is the working fund used by Freddy and his coworkers to cover the evangelism costs. Freddy has no guaranteed working fund. The FEG is totally dependent upon freewill offerings.

We are so thankful to God for allowing us to be a part of this most fruitful work.

God bless you all,
Glenn Schmidt
Deacon over Missions.

## Bible Hour

3/7 - Mandy Vahrenkamp

3/14 - Paul & DaLissa Spaeth

3/21 - Cook Family

3/28 - Mealer Family

We need 8 Teams to volunteer. Each team will be responsible for 6 Sundays spread out over the year.

To Volunteer Sign up at the Info Desk or Contact Mandy Vahrenkamp. mev031012@gmail.com

## Nursery

If you would like to help out with the nursery please contact Pam Taylor at pam@churchofvictoria.com

## **Up Coming Events**

- 3/7 5pm Blyth Church meet the new minister, No small groups
- 3/8 6:30am Men's Breakfast, annex
- 3/8 6:00pm Prime Timers Meeting, potluck meal
- 3/10 7:00pm Elders/Deacons Meeting, annex
- 3/14 Daylight Savings, spring forward
- Men's Retreat April 30-May 1, 2021