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Pastor and Church:

We are glad to have this opportunity to write you once again. Things at Iglesia Bautista del Valle de Ciudad Juarez are stable and growing little by little, thank God.

Violence in the city is still a significant problem. We had to suspend some evening services due to the people don't want to go out of their homes after 5:00 PM. But praise God for a group of people from the church that is able to evangelize in hospitals and streets of the city during the mornings, where many people respond very well to the gospel. We have visitors in every service. I can see more people taking on new life. I am sure that this entire crisis has created more approach to God who is our Protector and Savior.

Visiting a lady, member of our church, who was attack last Friday, was miraculously saved from two fire gun shots from the attackers. It was very impacting for us to see the broken door where the shots went in. We could see God's protection on His people. Your prayers are very much appreciated.

This same evening, going home, the streets were congested, ambulances, helicopters, a military convoy were around our neighborhood. When I arrived home I knew that at a half mille from our home was killed the director of police along with three more policemen.

Later, this same day, our music director and his wife came home. They where very scared because they just had seen three died men thrown on the street in front of the church. We spent three hours talking with them. It is unbelievable that these things happen in this city every day. Here the statistics of murder change every hour.

Some statistics:

-Every three hours, one murder. The saddest thing is that there were 5 children murdered between 5 and 6 years old last week

-16.000 abandoned houses

-2 or 3 Businessmen kidnap every day

- 50% of Juarez population is under 24 years old

-30% can't go to Middle School

-67% can't go to High School

Thank you again for your love, friendship, and support. And please, remember Iglesia Bautista del Valle, Its people, its, Pastor and its Mission in your daily payers.

Your servants in Juarez,
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