

# THE MUNOZ FAMILY

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Dear Pastor,

We are the Munoz Family, missionaries to Mexico since 1999. When we arrived in Puebla, Mexico in 2001, there was only one other IFB church that we knew of, in a city of over 2.1 million people. Most mission work in Mexico has been done in the northern and border states. Puebla has been a forgotten mission field.

Since we arrived in Puebla, we have had the privilege to start our church "Iglesia Cristiana Bautista" on one of the main roads that runs right through the city. We started a Bible college to train national pastors and have a goal to plant 20 more churches all in the city of Puebla in the next 20 years. We call this goal our 20/20 vision.

I would like to invite you to learn more about our ministry and consider our family as one of your missionaries.

In this packet I have included some information about our work and ministry. If there is anything else that we can provide to you, please let us know. We hope and pray that God may lead you to help us share our ministry in your church. Most importantly, we covet your prayers on our behalf!

Thank you and God bless you!

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# ABOUT US

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## Arturo Munoz Bio



Bro. Arturo Munoz and his family have been missionaries in Mexico since 1999.

Bro. Munoz was born in Mexico City in 1974. God saved him at the age of eight in a Baptist church in Mexico and had the privilege to grow up in a Christian home. God called him to preach in 1992. God opened the doors for him to attend Oklahoma Baptist College under the direction of Dr. Jim Vineyard.

In the summer of 1997, while in a youth camp, God put in his heart to go back to Mexico, specifically the city of Puebla, and reach his own people for Christ.

Bro. Munoz graduated from Oklahoma Baptist College in 1998. He and his wife Nicole left the US right after their wedding in 1999 and headed to Iguala, Guerrero, a town where the Mexican Flag was born, to help a church there while Nicole learned Spanish. While there, they both helped teach in the Christian school. Bro. Munoz taught 10th grade, and his wife Nicole taught 3rd grade. They also started a bus route, which had an average of 30 kids in attendance.

In 2001 they moved to the city of Puebla. Puebla is the 3rd largest city in the country of Mexico with over 2 million people.

## Nicole Munoz Bio



Nicole was saved at the age of 15 in a liberal Bible church in Southern California. At age 17, by reading the Bible and praying, she felt that her church was not the church closest to the Bible and prayed and asked God to show her what church to attend. Two weeks later someone invited her to the only IFB church in her area. Nicole served in her home church, West Coast Baptist Church in Oceanside, California with Pastor Phil Clark for one year before heading to Bible college at Fairhaven Baptist College in Chesterton, Indiana.

During her freshman year in Bible College, Nicole surrendered to be a missionary to Mexico. After graduating, Nicole headed back to her home church in California to teach in the Christian School. After a few years she met and married Brother Arturo and joyfully followed him to the mission field.

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# Our Family

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We have 7 beautiful children that God has entrusted us to train and raise up to serve Him.



**Japheth** was born in 2001. He likes to read and play with his brother David. Japheth also helps with the sound system in the church and teaches the object lessons during Junior Church.

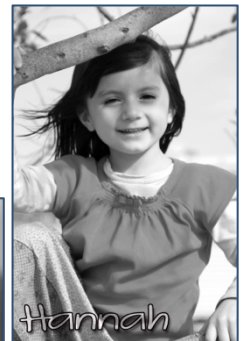
**Rachel** was born in 2002. Rachel often has the role of our church pianist! She has a love for music and is a natural leader. Rachel has run Sunday School classes when the teacher did

not show up and has helped lead songs to groups of up to 80 kids in conferences and Vacation Bible Schools.

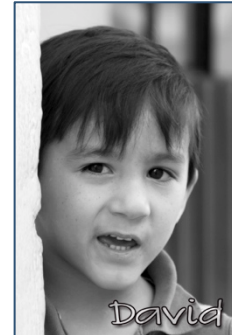


**Sarah Joy** was born in 2004. Sarah loves to sing songs to the Lord and use her voice to praise God in the church. She also is a great help in the nursery. Although she is never in “charge” of watching the little babies, if there is a crying baby or the nursery workers need an extra set of hands, she is always willing to jump in and play with the little ones!

**David and Hannah** are Twins! They joined our family in 2006 and it has never been the same since! David is full of life and loves anything to do with sports. Hannah is our creative and “distracted” one. She is always in her own world and doing her own thing her own way! (In a good way!)



**Ashley** was born in 2008. Ashley is our quiet but joyful one. It is always a blessing to see her first thing in the morning with wide eyes and a huge smile!



**Caitlyn Grace** was born in 2010. Caitlyn is only three but enjoys being in the “Big Kids Class” more than with the babies! She is our inquisitive one and already shows traits of being a “problem solver”. She is also a reminder to us to always have faith in God. Whenever Caitlyn might ask for some money and we tell her that we don’t have any money, she will tell us: Just pray to God and He will give you some money! Then a few hours later she will ask us: Did God give you money yet? ☺

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# Our Ministry

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The ministry in Puebla has rapidly grown. [The church in Puebla](#) currently has 150 in attendance.

You can watch our video presentation that shows how the work has grown since 2001 here: <http://www.reachingpuebla.com/missionary-update/view-our-new-video-presentation/>

## **The different ministries in the church include:**

- Organized soul winning every Saturday
- Hospital soul winning and visitation every Thursday
- Street preaching, Bus preaching, and downtown preaching with students of the Bible Institute on Wednesday
- Bible Institute (We have 5 graduates)
- First Steps Bible Discipleship for new believers on Wednesday nights. (This is a different class besides the regular service.)
- Sunday School classes for Primaries, Juniors, Teen Girls, and Adults
- Church Services on Sunday Mornings, Sunday Nights, and Wednesday Nights
- Music Ministry to teach children and adults how to play the piano, guitar, and flute.
- Choir Ministry
- Teen Ministry that meets on Saturdays at 3:00
- In-Home Discipleship Ministry
- Annual Missions Conference (We currently support 19 missionaries)
- Annual Leadership Conference for Area Churches (485 people attended last year)
- Monthly Pastors Fellowship for Area Pastors (Co-organizer with another pastor)
- Bi-monthly Ladies Meetings
- Youth Camp
- Vacation Bible School
- Public School Outreaches
- 20,000 Tracts Distributed During 5<sup>th</sup> of May Parade
- 30,000 Tracts Distributed at the Cemeteries for Day of the Dead on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- [El Fundamentalista](#) magazine
- And many, many more!

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# Our 20/20 Vision

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The Munoz family has also **started a mission church** in the south part of the city that God has blessed. This mission church now has **70 faithful people** growing in the Lord every Sunday.

Bro. Munoz believes in reaching the lost with the Gospel. The church has an organized **soul-winning** program every Saturday morning where 25-30 church members consistently go out knocking on doors. The church also has a hospital outreach where ladies of

the church visit patients and family members of patients in the hospital. Dozens get saved every Thursday. The Bible institute goes out to reach the souls of “Pueblans” every Wednesday. They preach inside buses, downtown, the jail and street corners.

Bro. Munoz strongly believes that the city can be reached with the Gospel. From the beginning of the church, members have traveled almost two hours to come to church every Sunday morning. Due to the time it takes to travel in public transportation, and the cost for some families, God has put in his heart the “20/20 outreach”. His vision is to start **20 churches in the next 20 years** in the City of Puebla.

His plan consists of:

- Training Nationals in the Bible Institute.
- Provide financial and other material support for the first 3 years, for the salary of the pastor and the rent of the building.
- Send out soul-winning teams once a month from the main church in Puebla to help establish the new work.
- Send church members that live close to the new work to join the new work so it has a solid base of believers to start with.
- Weekly accountability with the pastors of the new work through pastor’s meetings and fellowships.

It is Bro. Munoz’ vision that by dividing and multiplying, more Pueblans can be reached with the Gospel. The more local churches that are started, the more souls that can be reached!

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# HOW TO CONTACT US

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## **Missionary to Mexico: Arturo Munoz**

We hope that not being able to reach a missionary will be a thing of the past. We would like to provide you with many different channels of communication, so that you can contact us or follow us at any time!

The best way to reach me is on my cell phone. When we travel in the States, I have my US cell phone on. When we are on the field, my Mexican cell phone is always on. Please be aware that your phone provider may charge extra fees when calling a foreign country. We also have a Vonage line in our house in Mexico where you can reach us.

We greatly appreciate a word of encouragement every once in a while, so feel free to give us a call or drop us an email at any time. Thank you for caring for us!

### **Different ways to reach us:**

1. Email: [Arturo@reachingpuebla.com](mailto:Arturo@reachingpuebla.com)
2. US cell phone: (760) 331-7691 – only active when in the States
3. MX cell phone: 011-521 (222) 449-6155
4. Vonage house: (760) 494-7883
5. Skype: arturomunozjr
6. Facebook: [facebook.com/arturomunoz](https://facebook.com/arturomunoz)
7. Twitter: [twitter.com/ArturoMunoz](https://twitter.com/ArturoMunoz)
8. Website: [www.ReachingPuebla.com](http://www.ReachingPuebla.com)

If you know someone that is interested in listening to preaching in Spanish you can direct them to our church website, where we also transmit our services live:

[www.IglesiaCristianaBautista.com](http://www.IglesiaCristianaBautista.com)

You may contact our sending church for additional information or questions that you might have: (405) 943-3326 CST – Please ask to speak with the missions secretary.

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# HOW TO RECEIVE OUR UPDATES

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## Missionary to Mexico: Arturo Munoz

In order to communicate with churches in the States, we update our website 2-4 times a month. To be notified by email every time our website is updated, please follow these steps.

### To sign up with your smartphone:

1. Download a QR Reader app.
2. Scan the QR Code on the right.
3. Enter you name and email.
4. Confirm your subscription in your email. And you are done!



### To sign up via your computer:

1. Go to our website: [www.ReachingPuebla.com](http://www.ReachingPuebla.com)
2. Find the webform on the top-right of our website.
3. Enter your email and click on subscribe.
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# COME VISIT US!

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During the course of the year, we have many opportunities for young people to serve in the mission field, as well as for adults that would like to visit us and experience the life of a missionary. Your visit certainly will be welcome!

Our Revival Conference takes place in the month of **May**. Every year, dozens of preachers from several states around Puebla, come to hear God-uplifting-soul-changing preaching! You are invited to come and see what God is doing in our beloved country. We believe God's hand is "now" in Mexico. Come and join us while we are challenged by men of God like Pastor Kevin Wynne, Ezequiel Salazar, Luis Parada, Alejandro Cordova, Elmer Fernandez, Luis Ramos and more.

In the year 2014 we are preparing our very first Full Spanish Immersion School. We would like to make an open invitation for those that would like to learn Spanish in the shortest amount of time. Our goal is that you will be able to witness to someone in Spanish wherever you are in the States. This course is ideal for those that live near large concentrations of Spanish speaking people and have a desire to be able to share the Gospel with them.

In May we also celebrate Cinco de Mayo – which happens to be the famous Battle of Puebla. We give out 20,000 tracts during the parade in our city.

Our Vacation Bible Schools are the highlight of the year, where kids from all ages come and hear the Gospel in many of our simultaneous locations where we have outreaches.

During the month of **November** Mexico celebrates "The Day of the Dead", where over 50,000 people come to the main cemetery and bring food and flowers to their dead ones. We take this opportunity to pass out thousands of tracts and invite people to church. It's during this time that we have our annual Missions Conference. Young people can meet Mexican missionaries going out to other countries to reach the lost for Christ!

Here are some dates that you can consider to visit us on the mission field:

1. **May - Revival Conference** – On the first Monday of May for three consecutive days.
2. **July - Full Spanish Immersion** – A two-week program where you can come and learn Spanish. Starts the second full week in July.
3. **August - Vacation Bible School** – On the second Monday of August for five days.
4. **November - Missions Conference and Day of the Dead** – Week of November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Alternatively, you can "just" come and visit us. Just call us or send us an email to see if we are available.

The best way to arrive is via airplane. We have an international airport in Puebla (PBX) with connecting flights to Dallas and Houston. Prices can be as low as \$380 dollars from Los Angeles International Airport. Alternatively you can fly into Mexico City and take a 2-hour bus ride to **Puebla**.

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