

Faith in the Fire: Jeremías' Story from Mexico



Jeremías' and his family

The men's 2026 FIFA World Cup kicks off this week! **Did you know that 14 of the 48 participating nations, including co-host Mexico, are on the World Watch List?**

During the tournament, could you pray as they play? You'll be helping people like Jeremías, who in exchanging the football field for the mission field, has encountered his toughest opponent...

Jeremías* had been a semi-professional footballer for nine years when he sensed God calling him into mission.

On the league and he finished top scorer, he

would retire. Both happened—and he kept his promise.

In 2020, the family moved to an unreached indigenous community in Chiapas, becoming the first Christian missionaries there. Because the area was closed to outsiders, they lived two-and-a-half hours away and travelled in each weekend to help with practical needs and share their faith. Word spread, and many wanted to hear about Jesus.

After three years, criminal gangs took control of the region. When Jeremías and his son Josías* refused to join a gang, the family had to flee in the night. Three weeks later they returned, despite armed checkpoints. Jeremías shared gospel pamphlets—even with the gunmen. “Many were there because they were being forced. They needed a glimpse of God”

Then an attack came. Through the night they heard doors breaking and people screaming. By morning, the village was empty except for their family. They fled again, joining 10,000 others displaced by the cartel's violence.

Even now, the family lives in an area overshadowed by criminal groups. “The cartels are almost everywhere, but God is more powerful,” he says. Some neighbours remain hostile, but the family continues to pray, love and serve. “Organised crime made us lose everything, but Jesus loves these people, and they need to hear about Him.”

Please pray

- For resilience for Jeremías and others in Mexico who face dangers for their faith, and for opportunities to share the gospel with others
- That the World Cup will promote awareness of the challenges facing Christians in Mexico, prompting advocacy and prayer
- For the strength and growth of the church in all 14 participating countries where following Jesus can bring discrimination and persecution.

**Names changed for security reasons.*

For more information go to <https://www.opendoorsk.org>

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Do Not Be Afraid
Matthew 10:24-39

Psalm 86.1-10,16-17: Supplication for Help against Enemies

Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you. You are my God;

be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.

Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,

abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.

In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,

nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving-maid.

Show me a sign of your favour, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and for evermore, Amen

Collect for this Sunday

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Please pray for...

Brian Osborne, Jane Nichols, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Rose Cubacub, Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Annie Hall, Clive Hall, Robert Hitchens, Jane Knight, Imogen Matthews, Pat Reid, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Amanda Thomson, Clive Walker, Judy Watson, Kevin Whitfield, King Charles III, and for any others whom we name in the silence of our hearts.

We give thanks for those on the road to recovery.

We remember Clifford Hitchens, and the souls of all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we pray for those who mourn their loss.

Anniversaries

Weddings: Emma and Paul Taylor (2 years)

Baptisms: Grayson Hilton, Wilbur Guest (2 years)

Funerals: Peter Johnson, Dennis Wells (1 year); Walter Baxtor (2 years)

Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**



Readings for this Sunday

Genesis 21.8-21

Romans 6.1b-11

Matthew 10.24-39



Did you know?.....

If you find it difficult (or forget) to bring things to leave in the drop off bin at the back of Morton church, you can go to the Foodbank website, and purchase items which will then be available in the foodbank.

Go to <https://bournefoodbank.org.uk/how-to-help>

Urgently needed items – can you help?

Pasta Sauce UHT Milk Washing Powder



Services for the next week in the Ringstone and Corby Glen combined Groups

Sunday	9.00am	Holy Communion	*Burton w Bassingthorpe
21st June	11.00am	Holy Communion	Morton
	11.00am	Morning Worship	Corby Glen
	11.00am	Hymns & Prayers	Irnham
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Swayfield
Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion	Corby Glen
24th June	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Morton
Sunday	9.00am	Holy Communion	Corby Glen
			Swayfield Village
28th June	10.15am	Café Church	Hall
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Kirkby Underwood
	11.00am	Hymns & Prayers	Irnham
	6.00pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Bitchfield

Morton Village Fete – Saturday 4th July, 10am–4pm

Morton Church is looking forward to welcoming visitors with art displays, teas and coffees.

Can you help?

We'd love support with cakes or scones, setting up on Thursday, serving refreshments for an hour, or helping tidy up afterwards.

Every little helps and will make the day extra special for the whole village.

Please speak to Dianne, Sue, Colin or Tim if you can lend a hand.

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