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God gave us a miracle!

When we wake up in the morning, our first thought is "Thank you God for this new day". We do this even when we don't necessarily know the things we are saying "thanks" for. It's not because of habit or religiosity, rather because in our long walk with the Lord, through his grace and the presence of the Holy Spirit, we have learned to trust him who calls us to work in this state full of violence, for he will keep our way.

Yes! We joined in gratitude with our brother and sister Aman and Rosa Guillen, partners in mission in Tierra Nueva and well-known here in Mexico. We are thankful for this miracle and we joyfully cry, for we know that later we will rejoice after seeing our desires fulfilled in the birth of a new community of faith.

Should we have to give up our dreams and say no, that we don't want to continue, that we are afraid (though sometimes we are)? No way! Otherwise, how can we be salt and light to the world?

We share with you, part of the international community, that yesterday our brother and sister Amán and Rosa left for their daily walk early in the morning, when they were intercepted by two cars. Armed men got out of one of the cars; they walked toward our brother and took him with handcuffs before his perplexed wife.

That could mean never seeing him ever again, as with many others who are sadly taken in that way. But that was not God's plan. After when Rosi, his wife, in the midst of her pain but trusting firmly in the Lord, informed us about the things going on, we joined and called others in prayer.

I confess that for a moment we were afraid. But, by the grace and support of God, who covers us with his presence, we finally left our fear in his hands and trusted in him, who has control of all things, to do his perfect will.

Glory be to our Father God! Sometime later, Rosi told us Amán was back. Victor talked to him, and later we went to visit him. We embraced each other, cried and prayed together, thanking the Lord for this miracle!

Unfortunately, incidents like this are frequent in our country. Just like the sad case of my friend Josefina, that took place a month ago. We beg you to keep praying for the Mennonite churches in the North regions, in this case, Chihuahua, and for the development of new missions with a culture of peace.

**"Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith" Hebrews 12:2**

May Abba help us,  
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