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Mexico Sponsorship Program COVID-19 Update, January 26, 2021

We recently received another update from our partners in Mexico regarding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. While the tourist area is still open and many people are travelling to Mazatlán, both from within Mexico and from the US and Canada, the situation with COVID-19 is actually quite difficult. Our partners report that COVID is hitting Mexico hard right now. Several Mexican states are in the Red Zone – this is the worst affected areas where almost everything is shut down and residents are asked to remain home if at all possible. Mazatlán is in the state of Sinaloa, which is currently in the Orange Zone. This is the second to worst severity level and many businesses remain closed. They are experiencing a spike in cases and are worried for the feeding centers. In several of the feeding center neighborhoods, there have been many cases of COVD-19 and several deaths. While none of the deaths have been people who are directly involved with the feeding centers, the neighborhoods are still mourning the loss.

The feeding centers remain open at this time, but our partners feel that another shut-down is imminent. The vaccine for the virus is simply not available and there is no plan for making it available. What's more, when a vaccine becomes available, it is unlikely that those living in poverty will have access to it. School in Mexico is still being done through television, along with online learning. This is simply not working, especially in impoverished areas, as children do not have access to computers.

The pandemic has been ongoing for a year now and the number of people who need help is still very high, with unemployment remaining a huge problem. Our partners have told us they still need our support, both financially and in prayer.

The GO COVID-19 Relief Fund is a great way to continue to support our partners globally. They have been incredibly grateful for your support and prayers. If you are interested in donating to the Relief Fund, please visit our website at goonthemission.com/donate.