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## Patti & Tim Long

**MEXICO**

### LANGUAGE

Spanish

### MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Education,  
Theological Education

### BIRTHDAYS

Patti 10/8  
Tim 3/18



### LOCATION

Mexico



### ABOUT

PATTI and TIM serve in Baja California, Mexico. Patti ministers as a special education teacher and resource specialist at the Monte Horeb Baptist Grade School in Tijuana, a school that reaches out to some of the most vulnerable of the city's young people—its children with special needs. Tim serves in leadership

development with the Baja Baptist Seminary of Mexicali, teaching present and future church leaders in Baja California, and with IM partners in the Dominican Republic. He also serves as on-site coordinator and professor in Palmer Seminary's online Master of Theological Studies program in Latino/a ministries.



So much fun celebrating Mexican traditional festivities.

## “ MINISTRY STORY

It is a life-changing experience for so many, being included in a classroom for the first time. Welcomed into the festivities of the school year along with everyone; given time in a small group with an individualized program of studies; being able to participate like everyone else when classes need to be realized via Zoom; dancing the waltz and celebrating sixth grade graduation. Each year more than thirty students, who otherwise would have no school home, are able to thrive. Over the years, more than one hundred special needs children have graduated from this unique program that Patti directs at the Didaqué Grade School in Tijuana, where one-third of the student body has special needs.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the children of Tijuana with special needs still not in school, that the Didaqué school becomes their safe haven.

Pray for the continued development of the special education program, which requires ongoing collaboration among special education teachers, faculty, administration, and parents.

Pray for Tim's work with key leaders in Latin America and the Caribbean as two new cohorts in the Master of Theological Studies program are planned each year.

Pray for the Mexicali Baptist Seminary as a hybrid system of classroom and online studies begins.

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## SCRIPTURE

*“Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, ‘Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.’ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ‘Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.’”*

Mark 9:35-37 (NIV)