Mario and Jade Mendoza



Local pastors and running club leaders shouldn't run alone. Help us equip leaders and reach the city of Jiquilpan, Mexico.

We're Mario and Jade Mendoza. Mario's family is from Jiquilpan, and Jade went to Spanish immersion school. We've spent over a decade pastoring, leading worship, and coaching. We want to come alongside local churches and running clubs with leadership training, Bible teaching, coaching, and a running platform to bring the community together. Our hope is to reach the city with a consistent and holistic approach in ministry.

I (Mario) am Mexican-American, and my parents are both from the same town of Jiquilpan, where we are going to do this mission. I have always had a big heart for Mexico and have felt called to use the running platform and pastoral experience to bring the Gospel. The last few years I've served as a local missionary in Central Oregon. I've planted a church, developed a Young Adults Ministry for emerging leaders, built up a running club with races, and started a Youth Running Camp for kids who are underprivileged. I spent 13 years as a professional trail runner, making a total of 8 USA World Championship Teams.

This past August we led a short-term mission trip to Jiquilpan, Mexico. During that time we led a unified service, preached multiple times, prayed over the pastors, ran in two running clubs, and invited people to our sports outreach event on the weekend. During the outreach we preached the gospel and had over 20 people give their life to Jesus for the first time. The eight day mission trip was incredible and confirmed our initial draw to do a long-term mission

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The last few years I've worked at Westside Church in Bend Oregon as the Young Adults Pastor and Latino Outreach Coordinator. The church is one of the largest churches in Oregon. I've coached both track and field and cross country at the high school level and helped built the local running club with races, youth camp, and support for the local teams. I spent the last eight years of my professional running career running for Brooks Running, Inc.

Pastors and Running Club leaders in Jiquilpan, Michoacan, Mexico love their town, but many are leading on their own. They have little training and nobody in their corner. Help us to serve them.

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