

PASTOR, JOSÉ MANUEL RODRIGUEZ



We are heartbroken to announce, that our friend and colleague, Pastor Manuel (Manny) Rodriguez passed away on Sabbath afternoon. He battled COVID and pneumonia for several weeks and, after showing some improvement on Thursday, took a turn for the worse early Friday morning. On Sabbath afternoon, representatives from the hospital called his wife, Joanne to come in to see Manny one last time. He passed to his rest as the Sabbath was drawing to a close.

Pastor Manny Rodriguez was an alumnus of Montemorelos University where he studied pastoral and family ministry. He has pastored in the Texico Conference for 17 years serving congregations in Texas and New Mexico and he was the district pastor of the Rio Grande, Metropolitan and Valencia Churches in the Albuquerque area at the time of his death. Pastor Manny along with Joanne, his wife, and ministry partner, were the directors of Family Ministries for the Texico Conference. They endeared themselves to many couples over the years as they led weekend retreats, marriage seminars and support for members who sought their counsel.

Pastor Manny had a passion for reaching lost people with the good news of salvation through Jesus and he was a tireless warrior for the cause of Christ. He lived intentionally, he pastored passionately and he served faithfully. As Joanne was taking him to the hospital nearly three weeks ago Pastor Manny was confirming his faith that this present battle was the Lord's and his trust was completely in Him. Pointing upward as they drove along he said, "I will serve the Lord for as long as He gives me breath". And he did just that, well done Pastor Manny.

Pastor Manny Rodriguez is survived by Joanne, his wife of nearly 40 years, by two daughters, Jessica and Nancy, their husbands and also by two grand-daughters. They are grateful for the Blessed Hope in which Manny now rests, and to which they hold firmly by faith in the confident belief that they will be reunited with Manny soon.

The Texico Conference Administration and fellow workers extend our deepest sympathies to this dear family and we ask that our members throughout the conference keep these dear ones in prayer during this very difficult time. May God bless them with His Peace, His Presence and His Strength for each day as they await the family reunion that Jesus has promised.

"Even so come, Lord Jesus!"