



Our prayers for Oscar Escalada

Oscar is well known for his enthusiasm and dedication to bring solutions during meetings of WFYR and YMCA leaders dealing with issues related to families and youth struggling to survive on the border between Mexico and the USA.

He is truly a YMCA ambassador on both sides of the border and continues to be an influential and inspirational leader in the eyes of all who know him in retirement and worked with him during his career. Like many WFYR leaders, his dedication to the YMCA has not ended with retirement.

He has recently been struck with serious illness and the comments below reflect the concerns and prayers of all who know him.



Dear colleagues, briefly we would like to share some details of the state of health of the good colleague **Oscar Escalada** Hernandez, who as you know on June 2, 2019, suffered an ischemic cerebral infarction leaving a sequela of hemiplegia on the left side of his body, from which he has been recovering little by little with daily therapies.

On September 9 he had to undergo a minor surgery to incorporate a stent in the heart. Unfortunately, the operation had to be canceled, because it was discovered that the

damage was greater and very severe, and would require an immediate open-heart operation, a much more complicated, delicate and very high-cost process. Because the social security systems in Mexico do not have space for these procedures until next year. The risk is very high if the operation does not take place quickly.



The dilemma was obvious, but God is good, and he accompanies us. Thanks to the efforts of good friends, they informed him that the operation will be done in his own city, Tijuana, Mexico. In November he must undergo a series of medical evaluations, a process that can last from 5 to 10 days. The tests will determine when he can undergo the delicate surgical intervention, which could take place in late November.

Oscar is in excellent spirits with a good attitude. His unwavering faith gives him confidence that the Lord knows why he has subjected him to these tests. With great enthusiasm he appreciates that *he* has been given this new opportunity, and he awaits with humility, nobility, and a lot of confidence.

Let us accompany Oscar and his family in these new circumstances, praying that the medical team will find him in suitable conditions for the operation, and that it will be as soon as possible. Clara and Josias Arteaga, Martha, and Jerry were visiting him at his home in Tijuana, Mexico, the last week of October, where they had a joyful and rewarding fellowship gathering for several days. Let us continue in prayer!

—Jerry Prado Shaw

“I was devastated to hear that my friend Oscar Escalada suffered a stroke and my prayers are with him for his upcoming surgery and recovery.

Sincerely, Peter Post

(Photos: Oscar with friends and family)