

Grays in Mexico, Christmas 2008

Christmas Greetings to our Friends and Family!

This year finds us happy, healthy, and fairly warm. A couple days ago it was nearly 80 in the daytime, but it sure cools off quite a bit at night to 55.

We spent most of 2008 in the U.S. on Home Ministries, finally arriving back in Mexico on August 21. Elisabeth (10), Aaron (8) and Sarah (7) are enjoying school with other missionary kids in Puebla. Susie is getting involved in our local church teaching Sunday School, working with the ladies' group, and doing home visitation. She will also be teaching a Christian Education workshop this month for some area churches.



"Las Posadas" is celebrated mid December in Mexico by reenacting Mary and Joseph's search for room in Bethlehem.

We hit the ground running this term with work at the Bible School here in Puebla and extensions around Mexico. We are more convinced than ever that God is calling us to His "50/50" vision of seeing 50 new students and 50 existing pastors complete the minimum education requirements to be pastors in the Wesleyan Church in Mexico.

Fulfilling this vision means using creative distance learning through extensions, video and internet, as well as our traditional campus program. Bob has been doing all of these in the last three months, and **over 30 different students and pastors have been taking courses in Mexico!**

It also means recruiting and preaching the call in our 157 Mexican Wesleyan churches. Bob has spoken in seven different churches so far with upcoming dates in two more this month. In one church in Tehuacan, **12 people came forward to accept the call to full-time ministry!** Bob is scheduled to speak at the Southeast District Youth Camp, January 4-6. Please pray that God will use this opportunity to call even more young people to His harvest fields.

Even though we look forward to all God has in store for 2009, we know many are concerned with the global economy; even more so here in Mexico. But we serve a faithful God who is not a bit worried. As we celebrate His great Gift to us this Christmas, let us also rest in His great provision for all aspects of our lives.

We thank you once again for being faithful to give and to pray, so that together we may see God's vision fulfilled in Mexico! May God bless you this Christmas and throughout the New Year!

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