

With Christmas and New Years safely in our rearview mirror it was full speed ahead for Kathy and I. Kathy headed to Palmer Lake, CO. for her two weeks of Language Acquisition Training. In between Kathy's two weeks we met in Little Rock, AR., for a weekend interview with the missions committee at Covenant PC. After Sunday worship Kathy returned to Colorado and I back to NJ to finish up my 2nd week of home schooling Jeffrey ~ Thanks for your prayers. Most of January was spent visiting and updating local supporting churches.

February and March are the busiest months for missions conferences so we have the pleasure of starting ours in early February with Grace PC in Colorado Springs. While in Colorado Springs we were able to meet with and update two partnering churches, some friends and one church that is not partnering with us yet.

After returning from Colorado there was much preparation for the next couple of weeks would be spent traveling. We attended this winter's Vision Trip in Monterrey, praise the Lord for one of the most heavily attended ones ever! Several churches represented were there for the first time and others coming to be updated on the ministry. The highlight of the trip was being there for the newest church plant, Cumbres del Rey, Sunday Launch Service. It was the first service open to the public, not just the core group. Praise the Lord for the many that came! The attendees and missionaries finished the weekend Sunday evening with a dinner of Grilled Goat, a Monterrey specialty! ***Mark your calendar for the next Vision Trip Aug 22nd - 25th.***

With a quick one day turnaround in New Jersey we were off to St. Louis for Twin Oaks's mission conference. While in St. Louis we were again able to meet with friends and churches, some partnering and some not yet? Kathy and I always enjoy our time with Twin Oaks PC, they are very excited about the work in Northern Mexico. After a vision trip last year they quickly got involved sending a team last fall with another schedule for this summer!

On to Arkansas from St. Louis, the weather in Little Rock was spring like, giving us a physical boost after some wintry weather in St. Louis. Covenant's mission committee loves what they are doing and have lots of fun while they are doing it! Since this was the first time we were introduced to the church members we had the opportunity to make lots of new friends. Pray for the Faith Promise at Covenant as that will determine if they will be able to partner with us. Mission conferences are always a great time for us, meeting other missionaries and being excited by what God is doing through their ministries. Listening to their stories and struggles encourages Kathy and I as we continue along this path the Lord has laid before us.

Back in New Jersey catching our breath before Kathy heads back to Monterrey for a week to help with some team finances and I resume support raising. We are excited to have Holy Trinity PC of Tampa partner with us and the team in Northern Mexico, bringing our total monthly support up to 85%. Praise the Lord! While in Little Rock Kathy and I were asked to share what the Lord has been teaching us lately. For me I shared about our experience in the support raising process. How the Lord's timing was perfect in getting us to Ciudad Juarez for our first commitment with MTW and that I was learning to trust even more this time. That's not to say there aren't times when we get weary and frustrated but to know His timing is always perfect is a sure comfort! Just think of that phrase from the Bible, "and it came to pass" we're getting closer! With most of March in front of us it's "engines full ahead" on this support raising quest!

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Praise ~ for those who have been praying for our kids as we travel & also watched them for us!
for all our prayer and financial partners both new and old

for the ministry in Northern Mexico and the new services in Cumbres del Rey

Pray ~ for Steve as he finishes HS this year and that he has a clear direction for the summer and fall ~ It is hard for us as we will be leaving him in the US as we head to Mexico this time.
to joyfully wait on the Lord's timing.

for those the Lord has prepared to partner with us and not yet committed



Vision trip attendees Feb. 2008



Prayer for the ministry in Northern Mexico



Map of church plant locations



View of just one section of Monterrey from the flagpole



Bethel church ~ another church plant we worked with last summer



Newest church plant ~ Cumbres del Rey ~ Prayer for Pastor and elders before the service on Sunday



Casa Hogar orphanage that we worked with last summer and visited during the Vision trip

1 John 3:18, “Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth” 1 John 3:18 (NIV)