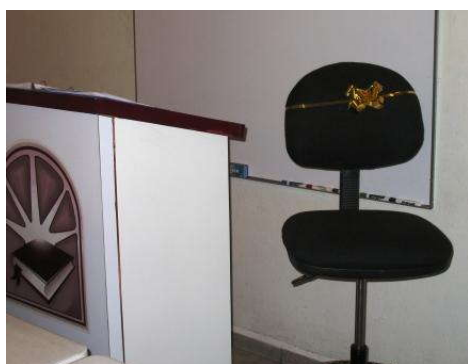


ONCE A CHAPLAIN, ALWAYS A CHAPLAIN:

Though some would call it morbid, I found myself reminiscing about home yesterday as I walked into a hospital room. It was filled with many familiar sights, sounds, and smells. The deceased was a nice Catholic woman, evidenced by a full room of loved ones; however, the one thing that was notably missing was *hope*. The Christian part of the family knew she had never embraced Christ, and the Catholic part of the family could only plead that Mary would show her kindness. I say it reminded me of home because I almost forgot I was in Mexico, talking to the nurses like I was their chaplain, and home, because seeing sin's consequences so clearly made me once again long to be where my soul will be home for the very first time.



THE MARRIAGE RETREAT WITH ROB & DAWN IVERSON WAS A BLESSING TO ALL. IN FACT, CRYSTAL & I RECORDED IT AND HAVE MADE OVER 200 DVDS!



MINISTRY:

Greek class has been exciting the last few weeks. Last week I passed out in the middle of my lecture. Not five minutes after I resumed teaching, Crystal threw up. This week we arrived at class to find that one of my students had purchased a teaching chair for me; it has been a tremendous blessing.

On Thanksgiving Day we brought a couple of pumpkin pies to class (No, Mexicans don't celebrate American Holidays :). I told them that although they may not be thankful for our country, they were going to celebrate with us anyhow. We all

had a good laugh and had a great time giving thanks to the Lord together.

I am also very thankful to the Lord for the opportunity, not only to teach at the Seminary, but also to involve ourselves in the lives of our students. We have been preaching at different churches lately, and regularly get calls from Seminary students asking for Greek advice concerning their sermons. One of the highlights of ministry involvement will be December 15th, when I will do my first Mexican Wedding!

The Greek textbook that I am writing reached 200 pages last week. Please pray for continued grace as my mind seems to be drawing near to its limit.

OUR PRINCESS:

Praise the Lord, our little princess is well. Crystal is throwing up less and less and consequently growing more and more (Lord willing, she'll reach 6 months in December). We are finding that high-risk pregnancies have helped us immensely to grow. It seems, especially with pregnancies, that it is easy to let our emotions run ahead of God's will, thinking and laughing about things that may or may not be God's best for us. It has been wonderful to rejoice in what He has given us today, resolved to praise Him for whatever He chooses to do tomorrow.

VISAS:

Ironically, though all of my paperwork went through, the Mexican Government is making it very difficult for Crystal, who is applying for dual citizenship. Please pray that her paperwork would be resolved before the 14th, or we will not be able to come home for Christmas as we had hoped.



I'M FINALLY LEGAL!!!