

MINISTRY:

Last Sunday Crystal said that during my sermon I was dancing like a flaming Charismatic... and there is a simple explanation. It was cold, it was rainy, and the service was held outside. I was having such a wonderful time preaching that I never noticed I was jumping up and down during the sermon to keep my brain and tongue from freezing :) We thank God for the different opportunities we have to teach His Word. For the next couple of months I have the opportunity to preach every Sunday but one, please pray that I would do so to His glory.

Please also pray for a conference and marriage retreat which will be held here in Mexico from Nov. 4-9. Pastor Chris Mueller will be teaching on Rom. 1 for the conference.

Greek is coming to a close, and I already miss it. I have basically finished my Greek book (300 pages!) and have begun to see if anyone is interested in publishing it... but an even bigger need exists: Hebrew. There are even less resources available to the Spanish speaker in Hebrew, and we start Hebrew class this coming January. Please pray that God would grant me diligence to work hard for His glory. I currently feel very behind, being that I am only in chapter 2 of the Hebrew grammar I have started.

FAMILY:

By God's grace, our Abigator is doing very well. She is growing in weight and stature :), please pray that we would help facilitate her growth in grace as well. One small concern exists in her little belly-button, which is still secreting a bit of fluid. Very soon the doctor will be performing a small procedure to close it all up. Please pray that the Lord would guide the doctor's hands and that it wouldn't result in more serious problems.

Most of you know that because of health reasons, we made a commitment of two years to establish the Biblical Languages program here at the Seminary. Our time would have ended in June 2009. However, the unexpected immigration issue that took Luis and Robin Contreras back to the states until Jan 2010 has resulted in the unexpected blessing of us prolonging our time for another 6 months. Lord willing, we will leave Mexico City in January 2010 when the Contreras family returns... if you have any ideas for us after that, please let us know :) we're waiting on the Lord to see where He would lead us.

FINANCES:

There is a saying here... "if the US catches a cold, Mexico gets pneumonia." The USA is currently in a financial crisis; Mexico is near to becoming a failed state. Though I would have preferred to have never mentioned finances, we should. Due to the declining Mexican economy, our cost of living has risen around 25% from what it was 5-6 months ago, yet because of the declining US economy, we have averaged around 50% less in personal donations compared to our first year. Please pray with us that God would give us wisdom. We desire to be good stewards of His time and money, but need to seriously consider returning home to raise some more support to finish out our time until January 2010. We need around \$1,500 a month more over the next 14 months to keep us out of the red.



As a final note, many of you have noticed that to cut back on costs, Crystal and I paused our cell phones. Our numbers are reserved for the future (so don't erase them :), but we wanted to let you know so nobody would think we were ignoring them! The best way to get a hold of us is either by email: josiah@grauman.com or through skype, username: josiah.grauman. We hope to talk to you soon! God bless,

Josiah, Crystal & Abigail