



1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Path of Life Bible Church Las Palmas!



God has done amazing things in the brand new church plant in the community of Las Palmas! On the **5<sup>th</sup> of November** we celebrated our first anniversary as a local church. There was lots of participation as we learned more of God's Word, sang music of praise, and enjoyed tacos and cake!

Permanent Visas

As of last week, we officially all have our permanent visas! Thank you so much for your prayers and financial help. We are so thankful to have this big step out of the way!

Our plans for the future

Actually, as you know, we have been through a lot of challenges. Jim was in the street on the 19<sup>th</sup>, seeing buildings sway. A woman working nearby ran into the street, crying, "God forgive us! God forgive us!" It was 32 years to the day after the devastating earthquake of 1985. It was preceded by the most powerful earthquake in Mexico for a century in the state of Oaxaca and followed by a third earthquake/major aftershock on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

These earthquakes toppled buildings in Mexico City, and in some cases wiped out whole towns. There was damage in our house – thankfully nothing serious. But some families from our own church didn't know where their kids were for several hours. People lost their businesses and houses, and hundreds were killed. Those left behind still experience the fear of what may come next.

We have been encouraged to see believers in the churches in the area who are passionate about sharing the gospel and helping in wise ways. Several people have come to know the Lord through this tragedy.

**Earthquakes**  
 7 Sep '17 8.2    19 Sep '17 7.1    23 Sep '17 6.1

Within 24 hours our network of churches was already providing relief. Jim went the next day with a group from two of our churches in Ixtapaluca to get hot food, clothes, and other supplies to a town in our state where hundreds of homes had been destroyed. Since then we have had various opportunities to help with the relief effort, either by going or by supporting those who go.

< A tract designed for use during this time, titled "Fear in the face of tragedy"



Celebrating Shari's birthday ->

Sharing God's Word...

We're thankful for many opportunities to share God's Word here in Ixtapaluca. On Sunday mornings, we continue to go through the book of **Mark**. We're also doing a series on **doctrinal issues**. Shari is in charge of the **children's Sunday School**. During the week, we're doing a discipleship study called "**Discipleship with Purpose**". Shari and Hannah are also teaching a **children's study** and a **mother/daughter study**. On the 19<sup>th</sup> of November, Jim will be speaking at a **combined service** for many of the related churches in the Mexico City area. Please pray for us as we share the truth in studies and individually, that we would clearly reflect the light of God's Word with our words and our lives.

May your Christmas season be filled with the true light of our Lord and Saviour!

*Jim & Shari  
 Hannah, Nathanael*

But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy, and spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may exult in you. (Psalm 5:11)

Hannah's Next Big Step

In 2018, four of us will arrive in Canada, but only three will return to Mexico! Lord willing, Hannah will be attending **Prairie Christian Academy** in Three Hills, Alberta, for her grade 11 year.



We were all involved in making this decision, and as you can imagine, a lot of prayer went into it! We will miss having Hannah in Mexico, but we're thankful for this opportunity. We're also thankful that she has grandparents in Three Hills, and other family and friends in Canada to support her.

If you would like to specifically help Hannah, you can support her financially through a project with our mission. For more information, go to <http://cottrillcompass.com/hannah-school>

Notes of Praise

- ♪ For **God's work** in so many lives over the first year of the church plant in Las Palmas!
- ♪ For **opportunities to share the gospel**, even in times of tragedy.
- ♪ That we finally have our **permanent visas** for Mexico!

Notes of Prayer

- ♪ For **wisdom** as we put together our **schedule** for our Canada West tour. We're looking forward to seeing many of you!
- ♪ For **wisdom** as we share God's Word in many different contexts.
- ♪ That God would **provide for Hannah** (in many ways!) as she prepares to go to high school in Canada.