Notes from the

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Our ultimate goal is not to change behaviour. Our ultimate goal is not to improve the laws in the country, or create a better culture to live in. It's more radical than that. We want to see God work in people's lives – not just reforming them or healing them – but giving them **a total heart transplant!** As God said to the house of Israel in Ezekiel 36:26:

will give you

a new heart
and a new spirit
I will put within you.

And I will remove the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.



Our <u>only hope</u> for our world, our communities, our families, and ourselves is **RADICAL CHANGE**.

THE FRY FAMILY IS BACK!

-- Well, some of them! While Cathy continues in school in the States and Daniel continues on a missions trip in Belgium, Rod and Mayra returned with son David in late January.

It's great to have the Frys back! We so appreciate their friendship and ministry here in Ixtapaluca.

BIGHORN

Many of you have heard of

Camp Bighorn, a Christian

adventure camp in Montana.

But did you know that groups

from Camp Bighorn come down to our area. for some

extreme adventures in the

That's right – there's a team

coming this month to try to

navigate on public transit,

and brave some types of

tacos that you've never even

dreamt of. Then they'll go on

to another area of Mexico to

climb a volcano. All this in an

atmosphere of discipleship

and ministry. Cool!

VERY BIG Mexico City?



Rod and Mayra share about their time in the States, and something called "nieve" (snow).

ONE HANNAH IN THREE HILLS

Thanks for your continued prayers for Hannah as she serves and learns in Three Hills! She reports that her second semester at Prairie Christian Academy has



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started
well. Among many activities,
she's been involved with her
church's children's ministry.
And – we miss her!

PATH OF LIFE BIBLE CHURCH LAS PALMAS

We praise the Lord for the continued growth of the new church plant. People are getting involved and taking leadership in new ways. What else is happening?

- We're planning an outreach for Children's Day the spring.
- We're being challenged by a study in the book of Hebrews.
- We're planning some baptisms!
- Bible studies are continuing and growing!

THE SEARCH CONTINUES ...

The owners of the hall (where we meet Sunday mornings) have been waiting for paperwork so that they can begin construction. As a result, they allowed us to extend our stay until the end of February. We're thankful for this, because it is an excellent and inexpensive option.

But – *time is running out again!* So please pray that God would provide use with a place to meet in March and beyond – and eventually a more permanent place.

The goal, as always, is to "make space to make disciples"!



A recent Sunday morning missions presentation

TECH NEWS

Have you heard about **PrayerMate**? It's a great app (Android/iOS) that helps you organize your prayer list! (Read more at http://bit.ly/pryrmte)

It also allows you to subscribe directly to feeds – and yes, we have one. If you subscribe using the app, it will update automatically when we have new prayer requests. To subscribe, just visit this link: http://bit.ly/cottrill-pryrmt

We had a few problems with our website, but the big ones should be fixed by now. You can contact us, check donation information, see recent photos and read the news at CottrillCompass.com. It's also much more mobile-friendly now.



MEXICO NEWS

Mexico has been in the news a lot – and although lots of good things are happening, I'll bet most of the news *you* hear is bad. Gas and water shortages, immigrant issues, pipeline explosions – Jim has written a bit about some of these things at our blog.

A lot of the news has reminded us once again that it's the gospel of Jesus Christ that brings **true**, **radical change**. Pseudo-christian religions and other false teachings continue to swarm into our area, offering false hope and a "gospel" of trying to do better. But only the true gospel can change hearts, and only the true gospel can save.

CAMINO GLOBAL & AVANT

Many of you have now heard that **Camino Global** and **Avant** will be uniting into one mission. Avant, founded in 1892 (two years after Camino), was formerly known as Gospel Missionary Union (GMU). Together with Avant's 344 members, the new mission will have about **500 members serving in 51 countries**. You can read more details at www.avantcamino.org.

This is still in the works – *nothing has changed for us yet.* We will share more in the months ahead.



Notes of Praise Praise

- For the continued growth in the church in Las Palmas!
- **♪** For the safe return of the **Fry Family** to Mexico!
- ♪ For God's continued care in uncertain and changing times!

Notes of Prayer Again and Market

- ♪ For a place for the Las Palmas church to meet and make disciples.
- For upcoming ministry, that God would bring radical change.
- For our family as we travel to **MK Camp** north of the city in March.