



Notes from the  
  
 in Mexico  
**Cottrills** 

*¿Adónde me iré de Tu Espíritu?*  
*Where shall I go from your Spirit?*

“Opening up” or “re-opening” – the words of the season! Maybe going to the lake to enjoy the summer, or finally going back to work after the lockdown.

But with open doors comes new uncertainty. The world is not the same as it was. God is giving us new challenges – but He is as sovereign and caring as always. And as Psalm 139:7 reminds us – wherever we go, whatever our circumstances, **our God is there.**

When we walk through those doors of new opportunities – will we trust Him?



(above) Some of our friends set up tarps and tents for a church service. We started meeting again on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July, when the government started allowing in-person meetings (with certain restrictions).

The first Sunday was a **baptism service**, with three people baptized! What a joy to hear their testimonies!

On the second Sunday, we started meeting at a property owned by a friend in the church, who has graciously loaned it to us in the past. We’re still getting organized, but our church is used to moving around! Lord willing we will be meeting here for a while, as the place we used to meet is not available due to current restrictions.



Just baptized -  
 Violeta, Pablo, and Frida  
 (Photo courtesy Rod Fry)

In Mexico, Avant missionaries help with a “**summer missionaries**” program, which sends out youth and young adults to run kids’ clubs/VBS in churches around the country.

This year they channelled their energy into online materials that churches were able to use to run virtual clubs. Thanks to the creativity of the teachers from our church, including Shari, we were able to share the gospel – with some from our church, but mostly with unchurched kids.



Please keep praying for these children, that by God’s Spirit they would want to learn more about God and His Word!

It’s becoming more and more clear that, as we go out into the world, **we must be armed with God’s precious Word.** So we’ve been using this unusual time to push forward with study and training online. Rod and Jim were able to give some basic homiletics (preaching) training for two men who have started preaching. Old Testament Survey classes continue with students from three churches, and Jim continues to teach hermeneutics. We are also just finishing the Discovering Life study (logo left).

Please pray that all this training will bear much fruit as God’s Word works in each of our lives!



**Canada!**



Yes, Lord willing we will be in Canada by the time you get this. But we are confronting the complications and uncertainty of travel in 2020. We have to plan little by little, and hope that our plans are not changed by a runny nose or scratchy throat.

We plan to be in Canada from mid-August until October or November (?). We will be mostly in Saskatchewan and Alberta, to minister where we can and to spend time with Hannah and our parents. Nathanael will be starting his year of home school on the road – a major challenge!

Watch our blog – we will try to keep you informed as much as we can.

<http://Finding-direction.com>

Please continue to pray for **Hannah** as she enters the working world this year (as we write she is still looking for work). Pray also for **Nathanael** as he begins grade 10. He’s especially looking forward to learning about robotics this year!



♪ Notes of Prayer and Praise ♪

♪ Praise the Lord that the church in Las Palmas is meeting again – face to face!

♪ Praise God for the growth that has been happening in peoples’ lives here!

♪ Please pray for our travels in Canada – for God’s provision, and wisdom as we serve.

♪ Please pray for our church as they take more leadership while we’re gone. Pray that God would work in a powerful way.

♪ Please pray especially for Hannah as she experiences many changes in life this year.

Grace & Peace,

*Jim & Shari  
 Hannah, Nathanael*

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