



**14.6km...**

Nathanael and Jim went on a 14.6km hike through Ixtapaluca (in about 3 hours), climbing up hills on either side. This was part of a project for Nathanael's physical education class. This picture was taken near the end of their trip on "Elephant Hill", overlooking some of the city's neighbourhoods, including ours. (To see more pictures, visit: <http://bit.ly/14-6km>)

We're thankful that Nathanael completed his first semester of grade 10, in spite of the unexpected timing of or trip to Canada. *Good job, Nathanael!*

**Committed!**

We're thankful for committed men and women who are giving their time to learn and grow, and teach and serve!

It has been encouraging to see people in the church involved in decision making, and struggling through God's Word as we apply it to our lives.

Jim has also been starting informal classes for musicians who want to help with Sunday worship, and technicians who want to help with the technical aspects! Nathanael has been helping with the sound system, and has also played his ukulele on Sunday morning.



**A Few Activities...**

Two pizzas and two frisbees were sacrificed for a special **youth activity** in January (*frisbees lost over the wall, pizzas lost into stomachs*)! It was a good time to get together, have fun, and talk a little about "seeking the Lord".

Lord willing, by the time you read this, Shari will have had a **baking class** for the women of the church – just in time to make cookies for Valentine's Day. ♥

We have been able to enjoy some **visits** with people from the church at their homes as well, which has been a blessing.

**I am laying in Zion**

**a STONE of stumbling**  
**a ROCK of offense**  
 and whoever believes in him  
 will not be put to shame.

♪ Notes of Prayer and Praise ♪

♪ Praise the Lord for committed servants of the Lord at the Las Palmas Church!

♪ Please continue to pray for the families here who have lost someone. Pray that their hearts would be pointed to the Lord.

♪ Please pray that Hannah would have the hours she needs at her work.

♪ Please pray that God would give wisdom as discipleship, evangelism and training continues here.

♪ Please pray that God would provide good timing and a place to live if we have to move (no word yet!).

**You are needed!**

Jim here! As you know, we all need one another, especially in these challenging days. Everyone in the local church is used by our Lord!

I have become especially concerned as I've heard directly and indirectly from pastors and missionaries, who are really struggling. Praise the Lord, new missionaries are arriving on the field, new pastors are entering the ministry! But many are also leaving the field, or even leaving the ministry altogether.

We are thankful for your prayers and support – we are blessed. I would like to encourage everyone to think of another missionary or pastor, and their families. Ask how you could help them, pray for them, encourage them. **Pray that none of us would be ashamed – that we would serve Jesus our Lord, and look to Him for peace and strength.**

Like many of you, we have had to let go of several people who have passed away (from various causes) over the past few months. Those of you who receive our email update prayed for Javier and his family, a young man who passed away over the holidays. We already miss Shari's Uncle Francis, who was a godly example to us. And there are others in our network here in Mexico, such as our friend Chela.



But we're also thankful for new life – such as little Josué, blessed to be born to parents Viri and Oscar, who love the Lord!

**ANTROPOLOGÍA BIBLICA** ¿Quién soy?

**Bible Training Continues...**

Jim is starting a new series on "anthropology" this year (one Sunday a month). Starting with the foundation of a biblical worldview, we plan to go on to study important topics such as race, reproductive tech, gender, artificial intelligence, art, and much more.

The **New Testament Survey** course is scheduled to finish in April, and Jim continues teaching **Hermeneutics**. We've started a Bible study for the year with a 15 part series called "Discovering Life", which covers topics such as the Holy Spirit, the Church, and finding God's will.

We're continuing our study of **Romans** Sunday mornings. May we never be ashamed of God's powerful salvation!

Grace & Peace,

*Jim & Shari  
 Hannah, Nathanael*

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