



Notes from the
Cottrills



August 2021

“THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD, A PILLAR AND BUTTRESS OF THE TRUTH”
The Apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Timothy 3:15 that the church belongs to the only true living God, and that it is her job to uphold the truth before a lost world. That is, the Truth Himself – the Lord Jesus Christ (v. 16). Please pray that we would be faithful in this great task of proclaiming “the mystery of godliness”!

BAPTISMS

We praise the Lord for **Carol and Diana**, who gave a public confession of faith and were baptized on the 25th of July (above). We used the baptismal tank that was built back in 2017 in the church’s sanctuary in Jesús María. Óscar and Ezequiel joined Jim in baptizing these two young women. Please pray that God would do a great work in them and in their families!

HERE COMES THE FALL...

We would appreciate your prayers as we start planning for the fall. That includes family responsibilities, church activities, and ministry in general. As you might guess, there is a LOT that we would love to do! But we need to look for the Lord’s leading as we prioritize. Would you like to come down and help? ☺
 We’re also looking forward to a missionary retreat at the end of September/beginning of October.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, NATHANAEL!

In May Nathanael celebrated his 17th **birthday** with a Lord of the Rings theme (right)! We had lots of fun hanging out and playing games with friends from church and from the neighbourhood.
 ...And, more congratulations to Nathanael for finishing a challenging grade 10 **school** year, *and* completing a summer school course! We’re proud of you!



♪ Notes of Prayer and Praise ♪

- ♪ Praise the Lord that Nathanael successfully finished his school year, and a summer course!
- ♪ Please pray for our ministry as a church, that God would continue to work in us, so that we can share with others.
- ♪ Please pray for special wisdom as we plan for the next few months.
- ♪ Please pray for Hannah, that God would give wisdom as she plans for her future, and that she would have a ministry where she is.
- ♪ Praise the Lord for Carol and Diana, who were baptized in July! Please continue to pray for them and their families.

TRAINING CONTINUES...



In July we finished the third of a set of three **Bible study series** (including two of “Discovering Life” (above)). Jim has also been able to make these studies available online for others at www.en-la-Biblia.com.
 On Sundays, we are finishing with **Romans** in August, and moving on to **1 John**!
 The institute classes are continuing for the rest of the year with the **Biblical Doctrine** course. And Jim continues to lead our **leadership study** (on 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus) once a week or so.

VISA PAPERWORK

You thought it was a thing of the past, didn't you? Well, those under 18 still have to renew. So Lord willing we will be renewing Nathanael's permanent residence visa in September. (He will need to renew once more after this.)

GREEK

Jim is looking forward to taking a Greek class in the fall. This is another way to continue to learn from God's Word so that we can teach it clearly. We appreciate your prayers as we continue to share the wonderful truth that God has given us! And we're thankful to see lives being changed.

THE RAINS CAME DOWN...

On the 12th of May, the sky suddenly grew dark. And then it started to rain. *Hard*. Then hail, then rain, then hail. The water covered the street, and then started pouring over the curb. And then it started pouring into people's houses. Including ours.
 We're very thankful that we were home, able to catch the leaks, mop the floors, and watch the cracks under the doors. We had everything dried out the next day. There were quite a few homes that had a lot more damage.



Grace & Peace,

*Jim & Shari
 Hannah, Nathanael*

To update your address or change other preferences, please visit:
<http://bit.ly/join-change>

