



## Leadership Recognition Service

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2023, we had a special service to recognize the first two elders of the *Path of Life Bible Church Las Palmas*. Let's talk about what you're seeing in the photos above.

In the first photo are our two elders with their wives – on the left, **Ezequiel** and **Esther**. On the right, **Oscar** and **Viri**. We're so thankful for these two couples, for their faithfulness, and for God's work in their lives!

Our friend Jannett made the cakes for the occasion. The blue/gold one on the right says, "Congratulations in your leadership recognition". The colourful one in the middle was especially for the kids. And the Bible cake on the left features edible paper with 1 Timothy 3:1-7 printed on it (requirements for overseers/elders).

During the service we presented four special symbols to the couples (right). Here they are, from left to right:

- "My house is your house" decorative plates, representing hospitality (Titus 1:7-8).
- Framed verses – 2 Timothy 3:16-17, representing the Bible as our authority.
- Basin and towel, representing humble service (John 13:3-5).
- Shepherd's staff, representing pastoral leadership (1 Peter 5:1-4).

We were thankful for a special service, attended by leaders from various other churches. Please pray for the congregation and for these men and their families during this time of transition. May God shine His grace in their lives, that they may continue to grow in "every good work"! ☀️ This reminds us of sunflowers, turning to the sun for light to grow and produce, as we turn to Him!



**And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.**

☀️ **2 Corinthians 9:8** ☀️

### Ministry in Canada

Toward the end of June and through the summer we will be involved in a time of ministry in the Prairie Provinces. Those of you in the area should find an insert in this letter with more details.



### Family News!

There's a lot going on in the Cottrill family these days! **Hannah** has a new job in the housekeeping department at Prairie College. She also just moved at the beginning of May.

**Nathanael** has been serving with the music team at church, playing ukulele and running the PowerPoint (*not at the same time!*). These days he's also working hard on his last few weeks of school. He'll be doing his provincial exams in Alberta and graduating there. After that, he hopes to live and work in Canada for a while.

### Iztapalapa

We live in *Ixtapaluca*, but we're near *Iztapalapa*, which has given us an opportunity to work with the **Rock of Horeb Bible Church**. We've been doing a monthly series on the book of Proverbs, and our preachers are going to *Iztapalapa* to share the same teaching there. It's a great opportunity to serve, and a good experience for our preachers!

### Retreats & Resources for Pastors

Would you like to support Mexican church leaders in a new way? We now have a project that will help us provide them with teaching resources and help pay for pastors' retreats. If you would like to be involved, you can find information here: <http://bit.ly/rr-pastors>

### Sunday School and Women's Studies

Shari and Viri have been coordinating the children's Sunday School schedule. They are going through the Bible, currently studying the life of Moses. Shari has also been working with Esther coordinating a Saturday morning women's study. Their study is on biblical femininity.

Grace & Peace,

*Jim & Shari  
Hannah, Nathanael*

### Notes of Prayer and Praise

♪ Praise the Lord for the recognition of the first national elders of the church!

♪ Praise the Lord that Hannah was able to find a new place to live!

♪ Please pray for this time of adjustment in the church, as we begin handing over more leadership to others.

♪ Pray for Nathanael as he completes his grade 12 exams and graduates in June, and as he adjusts to life in Canada.

♪ Pray for our ministry time in Canada – for safety in travel, and strength and wisdom to serve various churches well.

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