

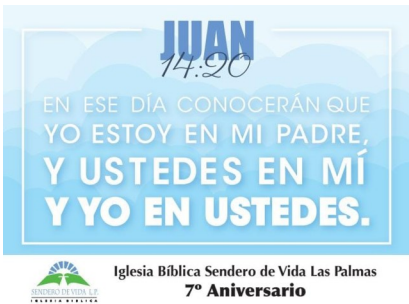


Notes from the **Cottrills** in Mexico ... and Canada

Travelling isn't always easy – it can be a blessing and a curse – but it's part of life! Birds travel to find food, a place to nest, and sometimes to migrate. At this time of year, we remember how the magi travelled to worship our Lord. We have been on the road for a long time, meeting with friends and family, sharing God's Word, and bringing reminders to pray for the people of Mexico. Lord willing we will also soon be travelling back to Mexico to continue the work there.

But none of this compares to the greatest Traveller of all – Jesus Christ, who came to earth, taking on human form, to be the perfect sacrifice for sin, and to be the Great King of His people. The Bible tells us that *“he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near”* (Eph 2:17). Not just a vague hope of peace – true lasting peace with God, and with one another, through the forgiveness of sins at the cross, creating a new people for His glory (for more, read Eph 2:11-22). That is the message we want to share in Canada and Mexico and around the world.

Pictured above: (left) Shari shared at a special prayer meeting, exchanging personal requests between Canadian and Mexican women. Jim's Mom, who is doing much better, is in the front. (centre) At the *Where did the Bible Come From?* seminar, a group studies the “ancient” manuscripts of the fabled story of Javier the Louse. (right) A game at a “Mexican Fiesta” – one group trying to match pictures with facts and names of common Mexican foods.



On the 5th of November, the Path of Life Bible Church Las Palmas celebrated 7 years of God's faithfulness! This is the first anniversary service we haven't been able to attend – however, we did share a video message with our brothers and sisters there.

The church has been going through the Gospel of John the last few months, and the theme verse in the image is from Jesus' words in John 14:20 – *“In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.”*

Just because we've been in Canada doesn't mean we haven't seen any Mexicans. In fact, they show up in the most unusual places. On our trip through Manitoba we were right in the centre of Canada (literally – there we are in the picture!) and met a Mexican family there. We've enjoyed various opportunities to connect with people in Spanish here in Canada! (And we might have had a few tacos along the journey too...)



Over the past few months we've had the privilege to serve at twelve different churches, and even a little at a kids' camp, in three provinces! We've done seminars (*The Environment* and *Where did the Bible Come From?*), reports and presentations about Mexico, prayer meetings, and messages from God's Word.

Ministry isn't quite over yet, but it's coming to a close as we pack our bags and prepare to return to Mexico. Thanks so much for your prayers during our travels – God has been kind keeping us safe on the roads.

♪ Notes of Prayer and Praise ♪

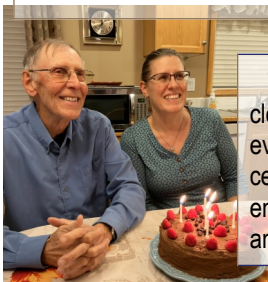
- ♪ Praise the Lord that Jim's Mom is doing much better!
- ♪ Please pray that the Path of Life church in Ixtapaluca would be able to find a permanent place to meet.
- ♪ Please pray for strength and wisdom as we travel back to Mexico and continue ministry there.
- ♪ Pray for the Path of Life church as they continue their ministry at a local hospital in Ixtapaluca. They've had many opportunities to share the gospel.
- ♪ Pray for Hannah and Nathanael as they continue their lives in Canada, that they would serve the Lord well.

Looking for ways to help? Here are three current needs:

- We always appreciate any **one-time gifts**, which help especially with special ministry expenses approved by our mission. Gifts in December help us throughout the coming year.
- We especially need **regular pledged donors**, (monthly, quarterly, etc). Our pledges are lower than normal, and don't cover our salary. This is important to help stabilize our support.
- You can give directly to our **Retreats and Resources Project** (project #71969). These funds don't go to us, but to pastors/elders in our churches in Mexico, providing them with resources, training, and rest.

Use the enclosed envelope, or find more ways to give here:

<http://bit.ly/cottrill-donations>



Their birthdays may be close together, but it's a rare event when they can actually celebrate together! We enjoyed a party with Shari and her Dad, Gary! 🎂

Grace & Peace,

Jim & Shari
Hannah, Nathanael

Thanks to those who have been praying for Jim's Mom! She is doing much better, and is now waiting for a room to move into. Please pray for the Lord's timing, and for her ministry to those around her now and in her new place.

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