

Notes from the  
in Mexico  
**Cottrills**

May 2024



**Special Sunday!** On the 7<sup>th</sup> of April we joined together with our sister church – the Path of Life Bible Church of Jesús María. We celebrated their 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary together, and also had a joint baptismal service. 5 people from Jesús María were baptized, and 4 from Las Palmas. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness! See a video of the baptisms here: <https://bit.ly/baptism-9>

(Right) A rare picture of our coworkers (Mayra and Rod Fry) and us together! At the anniversary service we had the privilege of cutting the cake. Photo courtesy David Gomez



**Mexico to Alaska!** We recently had a chance to chat about culture with the interns in Avant's *Immersion 15* program, who are currently in Alaska. By video conference, of course! To learn more about the program, visit: <https://bit.ly/immersion-15>

**Training!** We're almost finished our pastoral ministry classes in the institute. Lord willing we'll have a few more classes into June specifically with church elders to talk about some of the complex issues they face. Next course: *Spiritual Life*

♪ Notes of Prayer and Praise ♪

♪ Praise the Lord for the hard work that our elders have been doing training others for ministry!

♪ Please continue to pray for Hannah and Nathanael as they work and serve the Lord in Canada.

♪ Please continue to pray for our health in general.

♪ Pray for wisdom as we teach from God's Word, that God would make more people more like His Son!

♪ Praise the Lord for the anniversary of the church in Jesús María! Pray that God would guide in the challenges they're facing.

**Be silent, all flesh, before Yahweh; for He is aroused from His holy habitation.**

**Zechariah 2:13**

After finishing a sermon series on the Gospel of John in March, we've been enjoying **Zechariah** Sunday mornings. The above text was a reminder for the people of Israel that God had not forgotten His promises – He was still at work in the world, sovereign over nations as well as local communities and even human hearts. He is still working now!

**Youth!** Jim had a chance to interact with our youth at a multi-church youth conference, led by folks from the Puebla Bible Seminary. Praise the Lord for these opportunities for our youth to grow and meet other believers!



**Women's Bible Study!** Shari is one of the teachers of the women's Bible study (right). They're working through a study about biblical womanhood entitled "Interior Design".



Thanks for your prayers and financial support! To update you, your generous gifts made up for some of the shortfall from the winter. We're still a few thousand short of where we should be this time of year. God has been providing in His time!

**What's coming up?** Here are a few more things:

- \* Avant Latin American Conference in Panama (Jim, Shari and Nathanael) (June)
- \* Some interns/short term teams will be here in the spring/summer
- \* Some from our church will be taking a mission trip to the state of Oaxaca (July)
- \* 4 day kids' club hosted by our church (July/August)

Grace & Peace,  
Jim & Shari

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