



Notes from the

Cottrills **AUGUST 2024**

These two pictures were taken about 10 years apart. On the left (2014), our friends from *Path of Life Bible Church Santa Bárbara* were helping us with an early outreach in Las Palmas. Nathanael is in the light coloured shirt, and Hannah (not pictured) was a helper.

▶ **Fast-forward 10 years (2024).** Jim is leading the music at our VBS at *Path of Life Bible Church Las Palmas*. Two of the very committed youth helping with the music were two of the little kids in the first picture (try to guess who!). What an encouragement to see how God is working, and to see those who *received* the Word now *sharing* it!

A little fall of rain?

It doesn't happen often, but we had a downpour one Sunday while Ezequiel was preaching. Our tarps provide only a little protection, in some areas . . . so people stood up and found shelter where they could while the service continued (and while, every once in a while, a new cascade of water fell from the build-up on the tarps!). Pray that we would find a permanent place – with better shelter!



♪ Notes of Prayer and Praise ♪

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may approve what the will of God is, that which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:2



♪ Praise the Lord for His work through the vacation Bible school! Continue to pray for these families, and for the new people coming on Sundays.

♪ Please pray that we (Shari and Jim) would soon find an affordable house to rent as a new base for ministry, and also for energy to get the new home set up.

♪ Please continue to pray for our health in general.

♪ Pray for wisdom for the leaders of all three churches, as they lead in challenging times.

♪ Pray for Hannah and Nathanael as they serve the Lord and make decisions for the future.

Travel News

In June, Jim and Shari went to our regional Avant mission conference in Panama, and Nathanael was able to come too! It was good to be able to reconnect with our fellow missionaries, and with Nathanael too!

Also in June, Hannah went to the USA to visit a friend that we knew from Mexico. Another great chance to reconnect!

Learning Lots!

Teaching and training continues at the church! We're almost done our study of **Zechariah**, and our classes on **the doctrine and values of our local church**. We've just started a new college level course on the **Christian life**, with several churches involved, which will run until the spring.

House Hunt 🏠

Thanks to those who have been praying about our search for a house to rent! We continue to pack up, but at time of printing, we still don't have a place to move to. One of the challenges here is that the market is so hot that you just about have to show up with cash in hand the moment a house is available – and this leads to a lot of fraud. We think that one or two of the houses we've looked into have been scams.

Exploring Creation

In the middle of a crazy summer, we took an overnight trip to a nearby firefly reserve. We had a tour – a very quiet hike through the dark forest to see hundreds of these marvels of God's creation blinking all around us! Sorry – no pictures were allowed – all devices had to be turned off! But here's the cabin we stayed in, in case you need a holiday idea . . .



Grace & Peace,
 Jim & Shari

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

We were very thankful to have **50 kids** registered for the VBS this summer – a great success! The children heard the gospel as did their parents. Almost everyone in the church was involved in some way, and we also had help from a team visiting from the USA.

Shari was in charge of the Bible memory activities, and Romans 12:2 was one of the verses they memorized. The truth of God's Word was constantly poured into the lives of the children!

If you haven't seen it yet, head over to Finding direction to see some video clips: <https://bit.ly/vbspalmas2024>

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