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Notes from the *Cottrills* in Mexico

A visit from new Avant missionary appointees, Brianna and Tim (right), gave us an excuse to get some friends together to talk about ministry in Mexico City. Pray for this couple as they take steps to prepare for ministry in Mexico. And pray that God would send workers to this important mission field! (Photo courtesy Oscar Hernández)

Rental House Hunt: For several months we searched for a new place to rent, as we worked to pack up our current place. Two challenges at the old place – (1) It's always hard to carry on when the things you need to use are in a box! (2) The house (and many things in it) are in bad shape, but we didn't want to spend hundreds of dollars or more for repairs when we're about to move.

Then there were the challenges of finding a *new* place! Some houses for rent were simply frauds. Sometimes the ownership was in dispute (we were asked to lie about the ownership of one of the houses – which we weren't willing to do). And right now there are simply very few houses to rent or buy – they were often rented before we even got to see them, even when we were coming to view them at the earliest time offered!

But we kept looking to the Lord – and many of you were praying with us – and it looks like we've finally found a house! We're hoping to get the keys later this month, and be somewhat settled – sort of – in the new place by Christmas. The new place does need some work, so we would appreciate your prayers as we get the work done – some before we move, and the rest over time.

♪ Notes of Prayer and Praise ♪

♪ Praise the Lord for His faithfulness to this church over the past 8 years!

♪ Praise the Lord that we have found a house to rent! Please pray that God would provide as we move and fix what needs to be fixed.

♪ Please pray that God would provide a place for us to meet as a church, both temporarily (if needed), and permanently.

♪ Please pray for the ongoing discipleship in the church as we continue to grow.

♪ Please pray that God would send workers into the harvest field of Mexico City.

Therefore as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and being built up in Him, and having been established in your faith—just as you were instructed—and abounding with thanksgiving.

Unsettled?

Church Property Hunt: As most of you know, the place where our church meets is temporary. The owner of the property has begun some construction, and the area is increasingly unsuitable for church meetings. So we're actively looking for a place to purchase. This might mean finding a temporary place to rent in the meantime. However, as you may know from our house hunt, land and buildings are increasingly expensive and rare in the area! Even finding a temporary place has been a no-go so far. Please pray that we would find a place where we can continue to make disciples!



<< A quick visit with family in September

Jim hangs out with >> his friend Josué.



Important: Because we may need to move quickly to find a place for the church, we'll be starting a fundraiser to help with the purchase/construction. We're in the process as I write of setting up the project with Avant – **please contact us ASAP if you or your church are interesting in helping!**

Making disciples

We praise the Lord for the continued growth of the church! Please continue to pray for:

- Evangelism (for example, monthly evangelism at the hospital)
- Regular teaching (through the Bible with the kids, 1 Corinthians Sunday mornings, special themes)
- Those who have been recently baptized and who will be this month.
- Institute classes on the Christian life (continuing through April).

Grace & Peace,
Jim & Shari

Verse above: Colossians 2:6-7

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