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Notes from the
Cottrills in Mexico

(above) Our first Sunday meeting in the Centennial Hall in Ixtapaluca – a temporary place while we look for a permanent place for the church. Just a few minutes from our previous location, we are renting it only for a few hours on Sundays. As we mentioned last time, the previous location had become increasingly inadequate for our congregation.

So . . . now what?

The Path of Life Bible Church Las Palmas is now over 8 (and a quarter) years old, and has had Mexican leadership for almost two years. So the question is – **what's next for us?**

For now, we are still supporting the leadership in the church, and serving in the church itself. We're also hoping to see the congregation in a building of its own. (Why? See below.)

Another church plant in the future is certainly a possibility – there is a great need for churches in several communities here. We may also focus more on supporting the leadership of all three churches. Another need – we are in urgent need of more missionaries in this area, so the future may involve supporting them, as well as working more with short and mid-term missionaries.

God knows the path ahead – we do not! But we appreciate your prayers as we seek to see the local churches here strengthened to reach out in Mexico and around the world.

Thanks for being a part of it!

Settled – kind of?

We would appreciate your continued prayers about our home. We've very thankful for the house that we're able to rent, and we continue to work on unpacking and getting things functional.

However – we only have a contract until May. Please pray that we would be able to extend the contract and avoid another move in the near future.

♪ Notes of Prayer and Praise ♪

♪ Praise the Lord that we have a temporary place for the church to meet!

♪ Please pray that we would be able to extend the lease of our rental house.

♪ Please pray that God would provide a place for the church to meet, and for the funds needed.

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

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

Commit your way to Yahweh, Trust in Him, and He will do it.

PSALM 37:5

Let's get relevant . . .

It seems that lately God has been dealing with very specific issues in our lives and the lives of the believers around us. Here are some of the topics that Jim specifically has been teaching on:

- From our continuing sermon series from 1 Corinthians: Dealing with conflict in the church, major life decisions
- From our institute classes (photo below): Legalism, finding God's will, and the wise use of time
- From Sunday school: False sects and the truth Faith (a huge issue here), the centrality of Christ, strategic personal prayer

Why a building for the church?

One of the biggest challenges in Mexico City is **space to meet**. The houses tend to be small, and finding places to meet all together is not easy, and often expensive. As you know from this church and the last one we worked in, that means a lot of moving as circumstances change! (In spite of all our advertising, we still have people wondering where we are now!)

A permanent place to make disciples will have a number of advantages. It will be a place we can use all week, for both church events and outreaches to the community. It will allow us to keep church equipment in a settled place (it's now in several houses, including ours). A lot of moving is not only time-consuming, it also means more wear and tear on everything. Having a building will also mean that we're investing in our own property instead of a temporary place.

The church is raising funds so that we'll be ready to purchase a property when we find one. And you can help! Enclosed is a form you can use to donate to this project. Our goal is to raise US\$60,000 to add to the money already raised.



Grace & Peace,

Jim & Shari



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