

November 2025



Notes from the Cottrills



Las Palmas: The Return!

You may remember that our church had to leave the place we were renting in the community of Las Palmas back in 2020, because it closed due to COVID-19 restrictions. In the past two years alone, we've been in three temporary places on Sunday mornings.

But now – we're back! We're renting a place back in Las Palmas (in Ixtapaluca, in Mexico City). We're on the second floor of the building you see above right – above a convenience store and a car mechanic!

Though still temporary, this place has some advantages.

First, it's the first time in five years that we've actually been in Las Palmas – the community from which our church gets its name!

Second, it's the first place in the 9 year history of the church that we have had a place 24/7, all week long – not just on Sunday mornings. So we're thankful!

However, the place is small and really not adequate, though we're thankful to have it for now. Please keep praying that we can find a permanent place of testimony for the church in Ixtapaluca.

Remember, if you want to give toward the cause, there is a form enclosed that you can use. Or, visit our website (below), choose a country, and scroll down for information on Project #72029.

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We recently memorized this verse at our church, as we have continued our study of Deuteronomy. What a wonderful reminder of the goodness of God! And today, God is near all His people, ready to answer us, whether Jew or Gentile. As Paul wrote: "For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him..." (Romans 11:12).

For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as is Yahweh our God whenever we call on Him?

Deuteronomy 4:7

Visiting Canada



We've been crazy busy in Canada. Yes, I know, as a relative once reminded me – everyone has the same amount of time, 24 hours a day! But let's just say our time has been incredibly full, as we've dashed from one thing to the next!

Although it has been tiring, it has also been good. We've had some great times here visiting seven churches, spending time with family, and making new friends. We were even able to help Hannah and Nathanael move to a new apartment.

We appreciate your prayers as we complete our time here! One more church, plus Shari will share at a women's prayer time, before we go (details here -

<https://cottrillcompass.com/blog/ab25>). Pray as well for our travel back to Mexico in early December, as we jump back into ministry there. And that we would be able to get some rest over the holidays.

And in other news...

On the 10th of September, a gas tanker truck carrying 49,500 litres of gas, exploded only about 15 minutes from our house, making international headlines. 32 people died as a result, with dozens more injured and about 30 vehicles damaged or destroyed. This brought to light many difficult issues in Mexico, including concerns about the health care system. But it also reminded many people that eternity is closer than we usually think. Please pray that people would turn to the Lord, and that God would give us wisdom as we share!

In January, we will be continuing our institute classes with a new course – "Principles and Methods of Teaching". We're hoping to have students from four different churches in the area.

Notes of Prayer and Praise

♪ Praise the Lord for good times in Canada, even though the time was brief!

♪ Please pray for Hannah and Brandon as they prepare for married life.

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

♪ Please continue to pray for our health.

♪ Please pray for unity and healing in our church, as we face many new challenges.

♪ Please pray for continued discipleship and training in the church.



Engagement!

On the 8th of November 2025, Brandon Crotser asked our daughter Hannah to be his bride, and she said yes!

We're thankful to the Lord for this exciting news, and are looking forward to a wedding next spring!

Please pray for Brandon and Hannah as they prepare for this new life together, founded on the Lord Jesus.



Grace & Peace,

Jim & Shari

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