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**Left:** Jim and Shari on the two ends, then left to right Elira, Emilee, Nathanael and Thomas (“Nathanael’s Gang” – see below), and Natalie (missionary in Mexico with Avant)

**Centre:** One of the church-made decorations from our Resurrection Sunday service – John 11:25-26

**Right:** Resurrection Sunday potluck at the church in Las Palmas

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he might have  
the preeminence.

Colossians 1:18b

### Resurrection Sunday!

Jim had the privilege of preaching at our church on God’s desire in the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, from Colossians 1-3. Spoiler – a major desire of God is to have a redeemed, unified people, exemplified here in local churches as we learn to serve together. Real relationships in the local church are a key part of His desire.

But even beyond that is what this verse says – that HE – the Son of God – “the Son of His love” – would have the preeminence, the first place, in **everything**.

May that be true in our local church and yours!

### Schedule in Canada



**10 May:** New Hope Gospel Church (Provost, AB)

**17 May:** Mirror Alliance Church (Mirror, AB)

**14 June:** Moosonee Community Church (Moosonee, ON)

**21 June:** Lansing Avenue Baptist Chapel (Sudbury, ON)

**28 June:** Garside Bible Church (Hamilton, ON)

*We will be giving a report on the ministry in Mexico, and Jim will be sharing from God’s Word. We would love to see you!*

### Travel Drama

**We had an interesting start to our time in Canada, for a few reasons.** A major one was that our luggage arrived almost 6 days after we did! And even then, with some significant damage. So we’re trying to get reorganized after a bit of initial chaos!

### Wedding soon...

**It’s coming!** The “last minute” preparations are underway for Brandon and Hannah’s wedding. Please pray that the Lord would be glorified at this special event, and that the new couple would build their marriage on a strong foundation.

♪ Notes of Prayer and Praise ♪

♪ Praise the Lord for growth in the church, spiritually and numerically.

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

♪ Please pray for increased financial support, especially for those who can give regularly.

♪ Please continue to pray for our health and strength, especially during intense travel times.

♪ Please pray for Nathanael as he makes various important decisions.

♪ Please pray for the continued discipleship of the church in Las Palmas during our weeks away.

### “Nathanael’s Gang” (and other visits)...

We enjoyed a visit from Nathanael and three of his friends from Three Hills, Alberta at the beginning of March. They had a whirlwind visit, fitting in some tourism and cultural orientation, ministry involvement, visits with other missionaries and local believers, all within a few days!

Nathanael stayed on afterward to have a much needed visit with his dentist (and his parents!). ☺

We actually enjoyed a few visits in the spring – check them out here:

<https://cottrillcompass.com/blog/visits>

### Hospital Evangelism

**(below) “Nathanael’s Gang” joined the Path of Life Bible Church Jesús María for a time of evangelism at a local hospital.**

This is the group that was there to serve. Please pray for the two churches that continue to reach out to the health workers, patients, and family of patients. Each church goes about once a month. (photo courtesy Rod Fry)



Grace & Peace,  
Jim & Shari

### Support Report:

We’re very thankful that we have rarely had to mention our financial support during the almost 20 years we have served in Mexico. God has been faithful, and so many of you have also been faithful!

However, we’re finding that costs are rising quickly, and we’ve lost some regular supporters. So our pledged support is quite low. We have had some extra funds in our ministry account that have cushioned us temporarily, but we are in urgent need of quite a few new monthly supporters to make up the shortfall.

Please consider praying for and/or giving toward this urgent need. Thank you!

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