

Peterson Perspective

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Dear First ECC,

Thank you for your partnership in mission. We are encouraged by your faithful generosity that makes it possible for us to be in Mexico City on God's behalf and yours. *Gracias!*

SUMMER BLUR

Our boy's last day of school was July 6. The Covenant missionary gathering for business, fellowship and learning was July 9-13, Jonathan's friend from Hutchinson, MN and his mom visited from July 14-21, we visited Sue's sister in McPherson, Kansas from July 24 - August 8, we had one week with no commitments, Karl went to the Mexico Covenant Annual meeting (15-18), Zachary started 9th grade on Aug. 16, and Jonathan started 5th grade on Aug. 20. Whew, lots of good things, great to be with colleagues, family and friends, great to have a change of pace from school and ministry schedules, now we are "back at it" with a full schedule for life and ministry.

SUE MEETS WITH "BAD GIRLS" AGAIN!

This fall, Sue started another Thursday morning gathering with "The Bad Girls of the Bible". The women are studying the second book written by Liz Curtis Higgs. Each week they are reading about a woman in the Bible who's life is a testimony of how powerful sin can be in her life and the life of her family and nation. The discussion time is powerful as the women talk about how sin has impacted their life in a negative way, then share how following Jesus has totally changed their life and impacted their families. It is amazing how studying a really bad example, can make a difference for good!

SCHOOL STARTS

Zachary begins his last year of junior high, 9th grade, and is wondering what high school he will go to next year (so are we!), he also talks about college and career plans! Jonathan is beginning 5th grade with a new teacher, Angie. After watching the Olympic games he expressed interest in trying gymnastics. We found a gymnastics training center pretty close to our house (20 minutes) and he loves it. After two sessions, his parents can clearly see he has talent!

Sue was elected president of the PTA for the COEDI school. She will coordinate both the parent groups and classroom representatives for all the educational units: Day care, Kindergarten, elementary and junior



high. Pray for her to have the necessary energy, wisdom, facilitation and delegation skills for the position; and for the parents and teachers to be partners in the education of the students.

IEMP

The IEMP Annual Meeting was a historic event. Pastor Gamaliel Adame was elected to an unprecedented third term as President of the México Covenant church. The Annual Meeting delegates agreed to over-ride the constitution, which had a two term limit for the President, by re-re-electing Gamaliel to serve a two year term. There was excellent teaching by a Pastor from Spain as well as inspiring seminars and life-giving fellowship during the three day gathering.

HECHOS29

The cross-cultural school for mission, leadership and discipleship sponsored by the Swedish Covenant church began its three month adventure on September 2nd. There are 16 young adults from Sweden, 11 young adults from Mexico, 2 from Chile and youth from Ecuador and Guatemala. God has brought together a remarkable group for remarkable journey. Karl has been asked to meet with the H29 leaders for six sessions on leadership. Together, Karl and Sue, will give two seminars on mission, so we are glad to have an opportunity to influence these young adults who in turn will be influence makers where God leads them in the future.

PASTOR ANTONIO

We are glad to report that Pastor Antonio Cecilio had a pacemaker implanted August 30th. While it was an extremely long process, he did get excellent care at the National Cardiac Institute. The doctors there are world-renowned experts in their field. Karl was able to visit Antonio the day he was released and was surprised to hear that the procedure/surgery was done with only a local anesthetic and in less than 90 minutes! Wow, modern medicine is remarkable. Please continue to pray for Pastor Antonio. He is a bi-vocational pastor, who is trying to determine if he should continue in the construction business or look for something less physically strenuous to support his family. Pray that God will clearly guide him in this difficult decision.

Gracias for your partnership in mission!

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