



Lees Moving to Cost Rica

Mid-Summer '09

Language training top priority

In June we received the green light from MTW to go to language school in Costa Rica beginning the last week of August. This day would not be possible were it not for you, the saints of Christ, whose desire it is to see the gospel of Christ spread across the entire length and breadth of this earth.

Thank you!

Because of your generosity, we are now able to move on to the next phase of our missionary journey. Orientation

to the school begins on Wednesday, August 26 though I have been asked by dear friends in Clover to baptize their infant daughter on the 23rd of August. So we will not leave for Costa Rica until the 24th or 25th. Language school itself begins officially the first week of September.

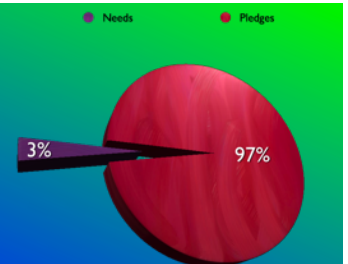
There are several milestones that will take place during the month of August as we prepare to move to Costa Rica. Jacob will turn 15 on Aug. 25 and I will turn 48 on Aug. 30. Jacob is hoping that he can get his driver's permit before he leaves. I'm hoping that the Holy Spirit will supernaturally enable an ole fella like me to learn all that I need in

order that I can be an effective teacher at the Institute helping to raise up Mexican pastors for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for us.



Current Level of Support

Although we have not yet raised 100% of our support, we do have enough support when combined with the monies in our reserve account. Because of your generous giving over the last two years our support account is in very healthy shape. Healthy enough even should we not raise the remaining 3% we have enough to cover any remaining deficit. We are, however, continuing to make every effort to raise this last little bit. In addition to this, we have several trips already planned where hopefully we can make up this difference. Please pray for this.



Prayer Requests

"All the blessings we enjoy are Divine deposits, committed to our trust on this condition, that they should be dispensed for the benefit of our neighbors."

John Calvin

1. The Sale of our Home

On the market for only four weeks, we have seen a lot of interest. Please pray that it will sell before our departure time.

2. For Tricia

Because I am in Monterrey for the month this has left Tricia to pack and prepare our house for sale and prepare our family to move. It is a tremendous responsibility. Pray God will strengthen her in my absence.

3. Our Children

This move will be much more difficult on our children than on us. Pray that God our Father will guard their hearts and keep them both now and while on the field.

4. Our Church

I have served at Bethel PCA for over eight years. Pray that the Good Shepherd will send someone in my absence who will love and shepherd them as I have.

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Michael in Monterrey

Even with all of the preparation that is necessary in order to be ready to move to Costa Rica in August for language training, our team was going to be a little short-handed with the absence of the Garza's for most of the month of July. So they asked if I would be willing to come and spend the month here in Monterrey assisting the team. Of course I readily agreed, and have been here since the sixth of July. Tricia on the other hand decided to remain in the States so Amber and Jacob could spend their last summer for a while in South Carolina with their friends.

Since my arrival I have worked with a number of impact teams from the States. The first two weeks I was assigned to teams working at Eraclio Conde's church, Bethel Iglesia in Apodoca (North). Week 1 was spent helping Uptown PCA of Charlotte, NC. Week 2 was with a combined team from First PCA, Chattanooga and New Life PCA, Yorktown, IN. Currently, I am assisting the team from from Covenant PCA, Cherry Hill, NJ. They are working at Príncipe de Paz. This is a mission church located in Guadalupe, a poor community which is directly to the east of Monterrey.

Every day since I have arrived has seen temperatures above 100°F. And in general, it is hotter inside these churches than out. Most days I am so saturated with perspiration that it looks like I have just stepped out of the shower. In the midst of this heat God's Spirit is working none the less. And I have seen the Spirit working in the hearts of both Impact team members and the locals with whom we have been working. So strong has the Spirit been moving in all of our hearts, and so closely has He knit together the hearts of His children that at the Friday night fiesta at Bethel last week, both adults and youth, nearly everyone, was crying and sobbing; crying at the upcoming loss of new found friends and the deeply seated affection for brothers and sisters in Christ that only God our Father can bring to His children by His Spirit.

Next week it's off to Ciudad Victoria, then home to Clover on the first. When I write again it will be from San Jose, Costa Rica. Till then, Adios!

Upcoming Vision Trip

Just a friendly reminder that there is an upcoming Vision Trip scheduled for September 4 - 7. These trips differ from the regular Impact Trips in that you get the opportunity to visit a number of the different church plants in Monterrey over this whirlwind weekend. If you haven't already signed up and you are interested in attending, then please contact Al Couch at alcouch11@gmail.com.