

Dear Friends,

Here are a few highlights from this summer. We hope to soon get our web site updated and a newsletter out to you all. For now we want to thank you for your prayers and update you briefly on the past month.

Vacation! After Betsy's surgery we were able to go to Michigan for almost two weeks to visit our family. We spent a week with our son David and family since he was on his break between 2nd and 3rd year of med school. We also enjoyed visiting them in Detroit. Our daughter-in-law is pregnant with their second child, due in January.

We got to spend a few days with Steven when he got back from Russia. We also enjoyed having Jane and Mark in Michigan with us for a few days. It's always special when we can see our adult children!

Back to work... Upon our return July 4th we started back in with our regular commitments, our weekly cell group and being part of the leaders' training at the Manantial de Vida church. Pastor Juan Carlos is sharing the cell church model with the leaders. This vision is based on the early church that met both in large meetings for worship and then in homes as well. In this structure, there are less church programs to make it possible for church members to reach out to family and friends and invite them into their homes. Since the Manantial church has grown rapidly, the pastor sees the need to train leaders to help in the pastoral role as cell group leaders. Please pray for us and the church as they explore these changes.

It was also exciting once again to see the children's Vacation Bible School programs at our churches. At Los Encinos Church here in Nogales there were almost 400 children this year!

A new Missionary! Keila Orozco, from Nogales, Sonora was chosen from 4 candidates to be the first missionary sent out by the Missions Commission of the FMC here in Northern Mexico. She will go to Bogotá, Colombia for two years to work in the orphanage that recently was founded there by the FMC. Pray for her as she raises her support during the next few months.

A new ministry! The Girls' home, House of Peace (Hogar de Paz) here in Nogales is getting close to opening this month! The care-giving family is already moved in to the house, and now the process will start to choose the young girls who will live there. They are children who are at risk, either because of the loss of their parents, or their parents cannot take care of them because of extreme poverty. We will send more info soon. For now, please keep this in your prayers.

A miracle... We saw God's hand of protection this week. Our pastor's mother was critically ill, so the family was on their way to pick up their young daughter at a relative's in Texas when a tire blew out and their car rolled several times. Thankfully, they all had seat belts on, and only Yaneth, our pastor's wife was injured seriously. Her head hit a

large sign as the car rolled. This happened near Tucson, so Guy was able to go up immediately and be of assistance. After spending the night in the hospital where the doctors closed a cut on her head, they were released the next morning. We rejoiced in the miracle of God sparing our pastor and his family. On the way home from the hospital we got word that the pastor's mother had died. This was a very difficult time for the family, but they had the peace that Ophelia knew Jesus, and had the glorious hope of being present and home with the Lord. Although it was a difficult week, this Sunday was a very meaningful time as the church gathered and gave thanks.

A party... we are preparing for a traditional Mexican "quinceañera" for Caroline's 15 th birthday this month, on August 21st. We are excited to have family and friends gather for this special occasion, and have the opportunity to give thanks to the Lord for Caroline, and for our 15 years here in Nogales. Pray that it will be a time to give testimony to our Great God.

Thank you for your prayers!!

Guy and Betsy and family

Our blog, which we will hope to update soon:

<http://web.mac.com/guycrawford/iWeb/Site>

"Worship the Lord with gladness, come before him with joyful songs...give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." (Psalm 100)