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"At times the Lord reminds us of what He will do by showing us what He's already done." By Wid Bastian

Holiday banquets, piñatas, building houses, building relationships...the ending of a moment in our lives and the beginning of the new...2012 was an amazing year!

At the beginning of 2012, Jacob was still in High School and I, his mama was still home-schooling! In the end of May he graduated from high school. With that notorious day, a chapter of our lives began closing and within a few months we were empty nesters. Starting out 2013 at such a different place in our lives, we look back on 2012 and are reminded of all the amazing things that God did...thus showing us what he will do in the NOW!

As we reflect on 2012 we see a set of similar threads of ministry – **daily ministry**; Saturday mornings with the youth, Tuesday nights with the men, ministering through music, teaching, discipleship, pre-marital and marital counseling. These daily activities are woven together with **moments of ministry** that add in richness and beauty; working alongside groups that come from the U.S. to do building projects, medical and dental ministry, food distribution. Trips overseas to Cuba and India for the equipping of men and women in discipleship training and bible study. Together, **all** these activities make up the whole picture of what our lives look like. We thank you so, so much for your support both in prayers, in your finances and your letters of encouragement. And to those of you who came – we thank you for your hand in hand participation in the ministry.



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As 2012 has come to a close, one of our supporting churches has made the difficult decision to cut several different missionaries from their budget. We are one of those missionaries and the loss that we are taking is substantial. Because of this we have decided to take a road trip! In February we are going to be traveling through California, Oregon, Idaho and Nevada and we hope to share with churches and small groups about all that God is doing. The trip will be for a two-fold purpose; to strengthen our support base and to create awareness about the different aspects of our ministry and the possibilities for collaboration. If you would like us to stop by for a visit while we are on our trip, either to share with your small group or church, or just to touch base personally, please let us know!
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What the next few months hold:

January: The first week of this new year Pablo and I traveled to San Luis Rio Colorado to minister to a dear friend of ours

who is a single woman and has had a need for YEARS to seal off her house from the elements. Pablo was the master and I was his "chalan" (helper)! We worked together and he sealed off the ceiling of her two-room house with drywall. Then Pablo textured the ceiling and walls and she has a new house!! Warm and airtight, and cool in the summer! What a joy to be able to love her in this way!



Before



After...

The third week in January we will be traveling to Bahia Tortugas (about 14 hours south of Ensenada). Luis Fernando who lived with us in 2011 will be getting married and Pablo is going to be officiating the service and I will be making the cake!!

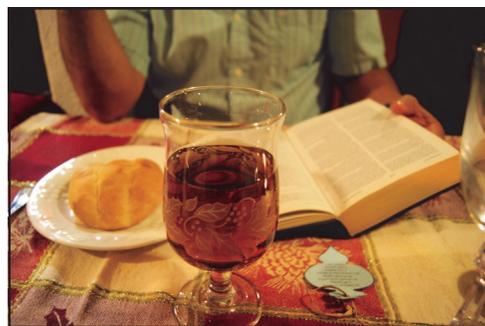


Some of the men and their wives at the Christmas Celebration. We shared a turkey feast (thanks to some generous donors!) and then we shared the breaking of bread in holy communion... Precious, forever memories



In February we will be traveling in the U.S. for support raising.

And in March, more weddings! We are currently giving pre-marital counseling to 4 couples of which two will be getting married in March and another in April. Pray for us as we continue to invest in peoples' lives in this way.



The youth enjoying their New Year's party and watching the sun rise on a new year...

We are so blessed to have seen the hand of God in so many merciful ways during 2012 and expectant to see what He will do in 2013.



Pablo & Martha



Home school mommy and student! ...and now a new era as we are empty nesters...