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We send you greetings and blessings from Mexico! It is already early spring here and buds are exploding on the trees and it is as hot as summer! Time has flown since January so we are "gonna get you all caught up!"



We burst into 2015 with our youth group! Every year, (now four in a row), we have a "lock-in" and the youth come from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am on the 31st to usher in the New Year! We start off the evening with Pozole, a traditional holiday meal! Throughout the night we keep busy with table games, crazy group activities, movies – both deep and fun, sprinkled in with lots of snacks and music, fireworks at midnight and a bonfire to welcome the sunrise of another year! It is not evangelistic in nature – basically just a good way to give a safe place for kids to party and be together and for us to



continue the bond of relationship with them! Above are some photos from that night!

Edgar is a wonderful young man who we have watched grow up. He has been in the University for the last several years and because of your



Edgar volunteering at a medical clinic

gifts we have been able to support him financially through school. His home life is really difficult (we won't go into details...) and for the last couple of years he has not been able to live at home, staying with this friend and that friend and then for a while traded eating for rent... In January we invited him to live with us until he finishes school (about another year or year and a half). He is studying to be an architect and is at the top of his class.

He is the type of young man who sticks out; a fighter, the total opposite of a victim. But, being on his own he has lacked emotional stability, spiritual accountability, and the balanced influence of a home with two married adults who love each other and are pouring that love on him (plus a grandma who dotes on him plenty!) Please pray for him to grab onto God and be a man of conviction and firmness in his walk with the Lord.



Luis Alberto and Melissa are a beautiful young couple who we began taking through pre-marital counseling in January. Luis has been a part of our family for the last 15 years. He, his brothers and our boys grew up together in church, and periodically throughout the years he lived with us for a month at a time. When he was a teen, he told Pablo "When I grow up, I want you to officiate my marriage." So, last fall he called us one day and

said that he had gotten engaged and was ready to take the next step! What a blessing! In May, Pablo will marry them and I will play my violin



on their “dreamy day” – which will turn into a daily reality. Please pray for them and us as they work through all the concepts – both in conversation and written homework – in preparation for the rest of their lives.

Do you remember Eduardo Lozano? We have shared his continuing story after receiving Christ a few years back, being discipled, and the transformation that has come about in his life and family. In September he and his “wife” Marcela were baptized and now,



Eduardo & Marcela the day after they were baptized (center)

after living together for 27 years have decided to get married! In February they celebrated their civil ceremony and in May will have their church wedding! The whole church body is so excited to celebrate this next step in their outward show of their inward growth and obedience to the Lord! Celebrate with us!



Their Civil Ceremony Feb. 14th

Ok, just one more story! We met Julio when he was twelve years old. He came to Ensenada to live with his grandmother. His mother both takes and sells drugs and has had several different men in her life. Julio wanted a different environment for growing up. When he arrived in Ensenada he began playing on Pablo’s soccer team. He received Christ and began attending youth group. Then, at the end of junior high, (because further education is costly) grandma told him that there would be “no more schooling.” This sent him



into crisis as education was his only means of having a different life than he had grown up in. We shared this need with some friends of ours who decided to sponsor the remainder of Julio’s education!

He is now just a few months away from graduation! After that, he plans to go to college and will major in Business Administration. It has been such a privilege for us to watch him grow and mature as he has applied himself in school,

faithfully gone to church and learned responsibility along the way!

After the recent rain storms he shared with us that his roof was like a sieve and there was only a tiny corner where he could stay dry. So, again because of your gifts, Pablo and a small group of youth worked together and gave Julio a new roof to stay warm and dry!



Before and After!

We thank you for praying for:

- Edgar
- Luis and Melissa
- Eduardo and Marcela
- Julio

And...thank you for the many, many ways that you are a part of each of their lives.

“For I know the PLANS I have for you” declares the LORD “plans to PROSPER you and not to harm you, plans to give you HOPE and a FUTURE.”
Jeremiah 29:11

May you be blessed,



Pablo & Martha