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Dear friends and family,

Greetings from Mexico – from our house to yours! We are excited to touch base with you and share with you all that has been happening here!

*We write in the spirit of Psalm 96:3 to "Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples"*

On a personal note – and very exciting for us; on January 23-27, we attended the first track of three in a course to become certified HomeWord family ministry speakers and coaches. We have been working with couples for years through pre-marital and crisis counseling, small groups, and conferences for couples, and it has been heavy on our hearts to further our learning to include family issues as well. We praise Him for providing for the course, housing and travel meals while attending.



The first track included Teaching Healthy Sexuality, Confident Parenting, Getting Ready for Marriage, Small-Group Mentor Training and Developing a Family Ministry. We are also attending a once-a-month follow-up through Zoom for these courses. We are excited as we continue to learn and look forward to being able to attend tracks 2 and 3.

On March 1<sup>st</sup> our young marrieds class that we had been leading, through Zoom, since 2020 came to a close. By unanimous vote, we decided to combine the two classes – as the young learn from the more experienced and the older are refreshed by the younger group!



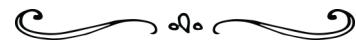
To kick off the uniting of those two groups, we are hosting a class led by another missionary in town, Allyson Searway, (known by many of you)! The class is on Inner Healing, and it is truly amazing what is happening in the

hearts and minds of everyone that is involved. One of the couples that is in our marriage group is one of Pablo's soccer players and his wife. They don't go to our church, but they were having conflict and difficulty in their marriage and called us for help. For certain class exercises you work in twos, and because we are the only people that they know in the class, she chose me for her partner and her husband chose Pablo. We are blessed to be able to walk with them in their marriage.



On March 19<sup>th</sup> one of Pablo's soccer teams competed in the tournament final. They took 2<sup>nd</sup> place and afterwards came over to our house for a meal and celebration. They were bummed that they took 2<sup>nd</sup> but we had a great time celebrating – in spite of! We lit a fire in our firepit and taught them the art of s'mores and it turned into a relaxing atmosphere.

Our constant prayer is that they will see Jesus in us and want to know more. (We are seeing that in the overlap in our marriage class and praise God for His faithfulness, "declaring His deeds...").



On April 8<sup>th</sup> we took the youth group to a local Indian reservation where a church has been planted. If you remember, last year we gave marital counseling to a bi-cultural couple that was leading the church there, and that is how we made the contact. Their names are Angel and Rafaela.



The kids worked with Pablo and Jacob in preparing for the day! They held a VBS – day program and played and fed the children and their families. It was a great



opportunity to get the youth out of their comfort zone and to see a world beyond their own circles. Most of the youth are Jr High age, so it was



their first experience doing something like this. We thank God for the eye-opening chance to serve others and be stretched and touched in the process.



Looking to the future! We have begun preparations for our next trip to Cuba. We will fly into Florida first, where we will do final prep for the trip with our team leaders, Frank and Jeannette Meitz. We will then fly into Cuba on September 7<sup>th</sup> and will spend the first few days with our Cuban leadership team. The Discipler Training Conference is scheduled for the 11-15 of September and then Pablo and I will stay on for another week to do a Couples Retreat and then another week for traveling to our missionaries' churches to give them encouragement. Our flight home will be somewhere between the last week of September and the 7<sup>th</sup> of October. We have our tickets for the first leg of the trip, but all the final details are still in process and prayer!

Jacob will be leaving for Cuba on July 4<sup>th</sup> and will be working with the director of the denomination that we work with there. He will be there for three months – returning home on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Before we arrive, he will be visiting churches in various provinces to see how they are implementing the discipleship and then in August he will be there to receive a group from Mexico that is going to do a youth / kid's camp.

As more details are solidified, we will let you know. What we do know is that because of the money change, inflation, and the instability in the country the cost has risen incredibly. It is now about \$10 USD per person per day to cover the food alone, plus the expenses of the books and travel. We are looking at raising about \$15,000 dollars for this trip. Thank you for praying for this endeavor with us and for any financial help that can be given to cover these conferences.

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2023						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Final prep and Meeting with Prayer Group			Flight into Havana & Travel to Cienfuegos		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Church in Palmira		Discipler Training Conference				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Church in Palmira		Couple's Conference				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Visit church in Camarones		Hernandez Family			Mission Church in Cienfuegos	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Final Sunday in Palmira Church		Mission Church in Mayabeque		2 Mission Churches in Havana		Flight Home

*Our Schedule!*



*Pablo & Martha*