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NEW VISION FOR THE NEW YEAR

I am very grateful to God for the refreshing break we had over the holidays with family and friends. We also met with seven of our supporting churches, and these visits too were truly a blessing—people's interest in our work and efforts to encourage and support us in whatever way they can.



Catching up with friends in Arizona.

Now its back to work, and I am even more grateful to God that he has given me a renewed vision for what he has for us to do, now in our second year in Guadalajara. Let me briefly outline the direction I believe God is calling us to go. First, for our church in the city, English Fellowship, we are moving our outreach efforts to focus on the medical school students. Though these young people have always been one of several groups, whom we sought to reach, we believe God is calling us

to make them our main focus. So we're hoping to move the location of our church meeting place closer to the med school campus. (Many students don't have a car.) We're also bolstering our current outreach programs and making new ones. We'll offer our med student orientation workshops for new students twice a year. We hope to distribute snack packs to students during exam times. I am going to approach the school's administration to ask for on-campus access. We've also begun correspondence with Christian Medical and Dental Associations, exploring how their experience in supporting and evangelizing med students can benefit our efforts. Finally, after explaining these goals to a church in Michigan, two doctors approached us after the service and offered to come to Guadalajara and give a conference on current U.S. medical practices, since this med school is typically weak in this area. We're planning these lectures for Spring, 2011. Secondly, for the church by Lake Chapala, Lakeside Presbyterian, we're continuing our ministry of

music (Angie) and preaching (Ray). God has provided a gifted teacher for the mid-week Bible study. He also continues to provide the necessary administrative leadership from within the body. Because of these provisions, though we live a full hour's drive away and our main focus is the other church, God has seen fit to continue to cause the Lakeside congregation to mature and grow. In summary, as



Breakfast in Michigan with Ray's aunts and uncles.

we begin the new year, we are excited about where God is leading, and we especially thank you for your partnership with us to facilitate this ministry. May God bless all of us as we seek to follow Him in 2010. -Ray



Enjoying Ray's Christmas present: tickets to a Phoenix Suns game.

PRAISES:

- ***Ray received his visa!***
- ***Safe travels over the holidays.***
- ***Encouraging times with family, friends, and supporting churches while we were in the U.S.***
- ***Renewed vision for our second year in Mexico.***
- ***Ray's parents are here visiting us for 2 weeks.***



Sitting in the cockpit during a layover we had in Salt Lake City on a flight which Angie's Dad piloted.

OUR TWO HOMES

Two of the primary questions people asked us during our three weeks in the U.S. over the holidays were 1) Is it nice being back in the U.S.? and 2) Do you miss Mexico? In answer to the first question, yes, it was VERY nice to be back in the U.S. for awhile. It was a relief to walk on carpet after 13 months of cold, hard tile floors. It was luxurious to take showers with full water pressure. It was amazing to shop in efficient, well-stocked stores with good customer service. It was beautiful to drive on clean,

smooth, orderly roads and not have to interact with vendors at every intersection, and it was refreshing, for this introvert at least, to not kiss every person we saw on the cheek. Did we miss Mexico?



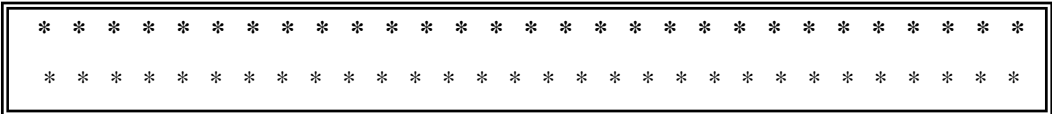
With Ray's parents on a strawberry farm tour outside of Zamora, Mexico.

Well, not in the same way that we miss the U.S. when we are here because we knew our absence was only temporary. But we did miss the colorful surroundings, the flavorful food, and the warm, vibrant social life. The best part about returning, however, was the reunions we had with our churches. We felt loved, appreciated, and missed. Although we miss many of the conveniences of life in the U.S., it's good to be back, and we are looking forward to another year of ministry God has for us here.

-Angie

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- *That God would give EFG a new location closer to the medical school campus.*
- *That God would continue to open doors for Ray to minister to medical students.*
- *That God would open doors for Angie to minister to her English students.*
- *That God would raise up leaders to help with our ministries.*
- *That God would give us strength and energy despite our busy schedules.*



BRENDA

Brenda, one of our members at Lakeside Presbyterian who we have written about several times and for whom many of you have been praying, passed away from cancer on December 21st. We were in the U.S. at the time, and we held a memorial for her at Lakeside after we returned on January 8th. Based on the last conversation we had with her, we have great hope that she is in heaven with her Lord and Savior. As she was lying on her bed in terrible pain, almost unable to speak, she told

us that she had "put her faith in God", that she had "walked a long way before getting to that



Brenda with her beloved dog, Coco, at her birthday party in July.

point", and she repeated several times that she felt "so blessed." This was one of the highlights of both of our lives, to hear the testimony of a life changed by the grace of God. Those from the church who were with her in her last days said she seemed at peace. We are rejoicing that God, in His mercy, gave her that peace, and we thank those of you who interceded on her behalf. You will, Lord willing, meet her at Jesus' side. -Angie