



Treasured and Faithful Friends:

This coming Sunday, some very enthusiastic members of our youth group will light the first Advent candle and talk about what Jesus means to them and how He will enable us as a congregation to live into our new mission statement:

“It’s our passion to grow in love for God, His people and His mission!”

You have prayed with us for God’s work in our little church and it’s happening! This Friday and Saturday we’ll have the second all-church Gathering. During that time, Pastor David plans to call each of us to seek 3 prayer partners to pray for us every day for three months, as we in turn pray daily for 3 friends, who aren’t yet following Jesus, and look for ways to share His love and Good News with them.

Would you take just a moment and lift up a quick prayer for God’s blessing on this Gathering?

Some encouraging answers to your prayers:

In our last letter we asked you to pray for **Mary Anne** as she taught on the life of Abraham. Her focus was on “How to grow a friendship with God over a lifetime!” The Lord heard the prayers of many: He not only blessed her message, but a 3-week Bible Study on the life of Abraham was birthed out of her study notes and this has continued to minister to many in our congregation.

We also asked you to pray for God’s wisdom, love and guidance as we ministered to several precious visitors over the past two months. Thank you most especially for praying for “**the daughter** of Colombian Pastors,” The Lord gave us love for her and she opened her heart to us. God had been seeking her, even through a series of dreams, but until now she wasn’t ready or willing to respond to Him. Our Pastor, **David** and his wife, **Tiffani**, joined us the next morning, as we ministered to her. The Lord so clearly spoke to her through prophetic words, wise counsel, and heart-felt prayers. Her parents were overjoyed to receive her letter of repentance and reconciliation and the evidence of a deep and true new beginning with Jesus.

We thank God for answering the prayers of many and we thank you for partnering with us in prayer.

Mission to Mexico

This coming Wednesday, November 29th, **Jack** will fly to **Querétaro, Mexico**, to speak at a retreat for 20 staff of the North Central Region of the Christian University Student Movement, COMPA, affiliated with IFES and InterVarsity.



The retreat begins on Friday, December 1st and ends on Sunday just after lunch. The themes of the Bible Studies and Jack's daily expositions are **God's Call, How to maintain and intimate relationship with Jesus in the midst of work and ministry, and Facing the Future.** Many of the staff are young volunteers, several are new, but all are highly motivated.

Please pray for safe travel for Jack and the participants, for good health, and for the anointing of the Holy Spirit on all of them, as they explore Scripture together, share their hearts, and pray for one another.

Jack is actually thrilled to have been invited by their supervisor, **Mary Olguin**, whose ministry has brought such great growth in the region. He first met Mary 17 years ago when she was a timid university student. What a blessing to see the ways in which the Lord has grown her faith and blessed her fruitful leadership.

All roads lead to Canada!

After the All-Church Gathering this coming Friday evening and Saturday, **Mary Anne** will fly to Toronto on Sunday, December 3rd, to attend the National Staff conference of the Canadian Inter-Varsity Movement. (Please pray with us that she can make her tight connection in Denver on Sunday morning!) Jack will fly from Queretaro to Toronto on Monday to join Mary Anne and all the others on Monday evening.

Please pray with us that God would deeply meet the Inter-Varsity Staff, bring refreshment, and prepare them for the months and years of ministry ahead of them.

The two of us look forward to touching base with some of you, our Canadian friends. We hope to see you either at Knox Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 11th, or sometime during our days there---if not face-to-face, hopefully by phone! Jack's cell is (520) 301-4230 and Mary Anne's is (520) 203-2140,

As we close---

Last week the two of us celebrated our American Thanksgiving and we spent most of a morning giving thanks for His goodness to us this past year and for so many of you: your friendship, your love, your prayers and your support.

This coming week we look forward as you do, to beginning the Advent Season and the celebration of the coming of our Lord Jesus. May He enable each of us to draw near to Him in fresh and meaningful ways and then to go out and share His love with others.

We begin by sending our heart-felt love to each of you!

Jack and Mary Anne

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