



# THE 'PUEBLA' REPORT

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## ARE YOU SURE IT'S BEEN A YEAR ALREADY?

June 10, 2010 marked the 1 year anniversary of our return to PA from Mexico! We would like to share just a few of the many praises from this past year and give the Lord glory for them. Just to catch you up a bit regarding several key things that happened very quickly last June; we bought a house, enrolled Tyler at LMH, and Keith returned to full time employ at Elexio. The house continues to be a haven of rest and a wonderful place to provide hospitality to friends, family and neighbors. Tyler had a successful year in 11<sup>th</sup> grade, played varsity soccer and made the 2<sup>nd</sup> team all star team for his schools section in Lancaster County. He also tore his ACL this spring while playing for a premier club team and after a successful surgery is recovering and working toward being able to compete at least part of the upcoming fall season at Lancaster County Christian School where he will graduate with his friends from LCS and LWA as Lancaster Christian and Living Word have merged to produce LCCS. Keith's job continues to go well and we don't take it for granted, especially in this economy, the blessing steady-full time employ is. The photo to the right provides a glimpse of the re-introduction we received to PA winters!

We have transitioned to Crossings Community Church in Columbia and are enjoying the fellowship there. Dawn meets with a new believer from there just about every week, who is a native Spanish speaker, for Bible study and when time permits a little Spanish language practice. Tyler is working at a local Pizza buffet, and we are all keeping busy from June 15<sup>th</sup> thru July 5<sup>th</sup> operating a fireworks tent near our home. Kara is working as a full time nanny for the summer and is praying about the fall and the option of full time school or work. We are enjoying having her around for now.

## A COUPLES RETREAT IN MEXICO

A few months ago 13 couples associated with the newly formed Mustard Seed Church in Los Heroes, Puebla went on a weekend retreat that was historic in nature. A few familiar names in the photo to the right are Jose Manuel and Paola, Ruth and Memo, as well as Juan and Myriam. This was a huge event in terms of



*The view out our back door from living room during the 'Blizzard' of 2010*

the practical application of the Gospel into the lives of these Mexico brothers and sisters. They are seeking to have marriages and families that reflect the transforming power of Christ in their day to day living-beyond the 'Sunday service'. This is a great example of how the Gospel of the Bible can transform a community and culture as individual believers allow Christ to live through them, their families, neighborhoods and businesses. Cultural norms are challenged and viewed through the lens of scripture instead of being accepted as 'this is the way we always did it' mentality.



## A NEW YORK STATE OF MIND

You may recall that our oldest daughter, Danielle married Geoff Peck in June of 2007, a couple months before we left for Mexico. We were so blessed to have



*Kara, Danielle, Geoff, Dawn, Keith, and Tyler in the NY Yankees dugout*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PUEBLA

Neil and Cheryl have begun focusing on the southern most section of the Los Heroes development, where the single story homes-and typically the lower income folks live. They recently received an ESL team from Liberty University and ran a very successful ESL Camp ( amidst the evening rains and swarms of mosquitoes) with the help of Dave and Willie Koning of Canada. As was mentioned above the 'face' of the fellowship formally called El Cuerpo ( the Body ) in Los Heroes has changed dramatically since we left last June. A well established evangelical church in Puebla called El Camino had planted a church near Los Heroes called Piedra Viva ( living stone ) merged with 'the body' and now they all are meeting in the location where 'the body' had been meeting, are called The Mustard Seed, and have 50-60 people gathering consistently on Sundays. The additional resources, especially the addition of a pastor and additional male leadership has afforded the opportunity for small group

gatherings geared toward, youth, women, men, couples, and more! Below is a group photo taken after this past Easter Sunday service. One of the most amazing things about this photo is that there is a pretty nice sized group here and typically Mexicans go away on vacation during the two 'holy weeks' and aren't usually home for Resurrection day! Please pray for the leaders of each of these works to be discerning of God's leading and direction. May He be glorified in it all.



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