



# Jehovah-Nissi



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## Have we seen God at work here ?



*"Lord Jesus, be obvious in the lives of these people. Please make such miraculous changes that no one can deny that it is YOU, Lord, and none other who can do such things. We pray for spiritual freedom in the lives of Memo, Ruth, Johnny, Alejandro, and Pedro as Your truth pervades their lives. Pursue them, Lord, and do not let up until their hearts are Yours entirely. We pray for Your entire will to be done in their privada, and we ask you to fill the Goodlings and all the other believers there with Your love and wisdom as You grant opportunity to share this miraculous Gospel You have given us. Come upon this situation with all Your power. Parade Yourself there, that all the people there would know that You are God. We do not ask for angels, but for You to come personally, Jesus, for You are the Lord and there will never be any other. We pray these things in Jesus' name, and we will be VERY loud in our praise for all You have done and continue to do in the lives of the people involved in this situation. Thank You for Your love, grace, wisdom, healing, strength, power, and thank You for giving us Yourself."* The prayer above came to us from one of our faithful supporters in response to a prayer update email I had sent, specifically mentioning the family in the prayers and our neighbors here in our Privada. God has been so gracious in allowing us to be used already even without the level of Spanish 'necessary' to share the things of faith. He sure loves to show His strength in our weaknesses! Dawn and Valerie Gray have been having (continued on the back )

## Organ Donor ?

When we crossed the border into Mexico back in August we received a tourist visa good for 180 days, and an import sticker and paper for the van good for the same amount of time. Since the 6 months have passed we were able to secure our FM3 religious worker visas, but there really isn't anyway to renew the van status, unless we decide to nationalize the van and register it here in Puebla, but there is provision in the law for this situation, where as long as the driver of the vehicle is 'legal' then the vehicle becomes legal. Many of the special police called Transitos who are in charge of overseeing the roads don't know this rule so it adds to the excitement of being pulled over. After going 8 months without being stopped at all, we were pulled over twice in 3 days. The first event was a little unnerving. The guy, after looking at my license and then the front of the van, asked where my front plate was." It's not required in PA." ( I replied in pretty good Spanish that even surprised me ). "Your van papers are expired." " Yes, but my FM3 is current" so...as I handed him a copy of the law that we carry for just such occasions... he glanced at the paper, handed back to me the rest of my papers and in a sort of disgusted tone said have a nice day! Our next adventure occurred in another part of town. This guy was much nicer than the first one and choose to talk with us from Dawn's side of the van to avoid the heavy traffic whizzing by on my side. At one point he was asking if this was my name as he pointed to a place on my drivers license. "Yes", I said. ( feeling really good about understanding his question, as we were having difficulty with our different 'forms' of Spanish) "Your name is Organ Donor?!?!?" was his reply." No, no", we quickly said," below that is the name." "Oh, ok I see" He compared the papers, read the law, and then sent us on our way. Another humorous event for our memoirs.



**SONrise service in a field with Co-workers and special visitors from the US and Canada: Kara, Eric , Pastor Chris, and Gary n Kim Lidstone**



**After a delicious traditional Columbian meal, prepared by Ruth Estella, she and son Pedro Miguel helped Dawn with clean-up in our kitchen**

Bible study with Ruth here in our home on Thursday mornings, I meet with Memo on Friday mornings to open the Word, sometimes others join us. Ruth, son Pedro Miguel, and sometimes Memo have been going along with us as we visit various Evangelical Mexican churches here in Puebla, as we are evaluating how 'church' is done here in this culture and what has been imported from the US, and what is a true Biblical practice. I have been meeting with Ramon on Wednesday evenings to help him with English as he helps me with Spanish. Last week I was able to give him a Bi-lingual Bible. He was very excited, then asked, " but how do I read it? Where do I start? I don't know how to navigate thru this book" Such a sad commentary on one hand, as most Mexicans are exactly the same way (all answers come from the Priest, no personal Bible reading is encouraged) but exciting on the other, as I am able to help him find his way around, and he is actually able, for the first time, to have God speak directly to him from His Word! These are just a few of the many lives God is allowing us to see Him at work in, and has invited us to join Him in the process. Will you remember to pray for the people of Mexico? Perhaps the most unreached people group in North America. So entrenched in tradition, religious ritual, and superstition, it's impossible with man, but praise God, all things are possible with Him (Matt.19:26)

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**A Sacrifice of Praise :**

- TYLER AND DANIEL CONTINUE TO ENJOY SUCCESS WITH THE LOBOS SOCCER CLUB. THE 15-16 YR OLD TEAM WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP RECENTLY AND WILL COMPETE IN AN INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT IN ACAPULCO IN JULY. TYLER IS NOW TRAINING 6 DAYS PER WEEK
- DAWN AND KEITH CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS IN LANGUAGE/CULTURE LEARNING. THEY ARE BACK IN THE CLASSROOM THIS MONTH
- GEOFF HAS GRADUATED AND BEGAN WORKING THIS PAST WEEK. DANIELLE IS LOOKING AT HER MASTERS PROGRAM TO BEGIN THIS FALL
- KARA IS BACK IN LANCASTER AND SEEKING GODS DIRECTION FOR WORK, SCHOOL, MINISTRY....
- DAWN N KEITH HAVE BEGUN THEIR FIRST PERSONAL BIBLE STUDY IN SPANISH. ROMANS
- SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE FELLOWSHIP HERE ARE GETTING BAPTIZED, INCLUDING RUTH!
- **HIS WORD IS GOING FORTH AND LIVES ARE BEING TRANSFORMED, BEFORE OUR EYES**

**May the grace and peace of God be upon you.**

*The Goodlings in Mexico  
Keith, Dawn and Tyler*

*"Probably nowhere in the world do two countries as different as Mexico and the United States live side by side" From forward of book: **Distant Neighbors***



**Those who serve on short term ESL teams here in Puebla, are able to get up close and personal with the next generations of Mexicans.**