



November / December 2014

Dear Praying Friends,

Thanksgiving is over and Christmas is around the corner. Lois and Nana are putting up the tree and decorating for the last time together. Nana will be leaving for college in 2015, so we are gearing up to be empty nesters. But that is for another day. Right now we're rejoicing in what the Lord is doing in Honduras.

In October we had the privilege of winning Vladimir and Joseph to the Lord! They are the husband/father and son of the two girls who were saved last month. What a joy to see them all in church. This family of 6 have all been saved since November of last year, all but little Allan who is four years old. We were thrilled to baptize three of the children and another girl from the work in Real del Puente. Vladimir and Armie will be baptized later, since they are not married and are planning on their wedding in December.

The house where we are meeting is getting to be too small for the work, and we are actively looking for a new place to meet. The current location is at the end of a street at the top of a steep hill, and there are only one or two places to park. One of the neighbors hangs his raw chicken garbage on the fence in the sun near the carport where we meet. Another neighbor slashed the tires of one of our members who parked in front of his house. There is a possibility of renting a strip mall that has parking inside a wall. The price for one or two rooms will be much more than we are currently paying, but we feel that the ample parking, along with air conditioning, will draw more people to the church.

Our teens are planning on going to Youth Camp the week before Christmas. This year we will be sending 12 teens from both churches, and we look forward to many decisions among our teens. They are heading up to the mountains, which at this time of year is sure to be chilly and rainy! But kids don't care! Our teens will be competing in Bible Knowledge, Quiz Team, and various Musical Competitions.

This Sunday night will be our first ever "musical" service. Many of our teens are enrolled in the local music school, conservatory or private lessons. We have asked them along with the orchestra from the church, teen choir, adult choir and various musicians to prepare hymns. Along with congregational singing we plan to honor and glorify the Lord with good music. Too often we let our teens slip away without involving them in the ministry. We are proud of the accomplishments of our musicians and want to encourage them in this way. All our folks love to sing, and we are constantly learning new hymns especially Christmas Carols. Paul will bring a short message at the end.

Working in two churches is a bit of a balancing act. We combine them at various times during the year. Christmas is one of them. We (Trejo) invite them (Real del Puente) to participate when we have a dinner or special occasion, and the all the Sunday School classes will present their Christmas program on the 21st. In between is the choir presentation on the 14th. That's the Trejo schedule. We also have Christmas Caroling (the 8th in Trejo, the 23rd in Real del Puente), the ladies' Christmas party with a gift exchange (the 15th in Trejo, and date to be decided in Real del Puente) and our own family things. The Real del Puente church wants a choir too, so we're adding that to the Saturday schedule. Katie comes home on the 19th. Phew!

Prayer requests:

1. For Katie as she continues her studies at Bob Jones University; also for Nana in her 12th grade studies.
2. A property for the new work in Real del Puente;
3. A national Pastor for the Trejo church, and the Christmas Cantata preparations.
4. Lois and my dental needs. Praise the Lord that Nana was able to have her wisdom teeth extracted in Sept.

In Christ for His glory,

Paul & Lois Howell

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