

Our Dear Brothers & Sisters and Friends,

2013 January

It has been another amazingly busy month. It is hard to believe that Feb. begins in just a few days. If you are interested, we now have a website at our sponsoring congregation: <http://www.raleighchurchofchrist.org/en-home/en-missions/en-catacamas/> Please check it out.

Computer Classes

During Jan., Dwight taught three different computer classes in one of the church buildings out of town, each with eight two-hour sessions. The first two were for continuing computer students in the morning and more advanced



students in the afternoons. And then after those classes finished he taught another for beginning computer students in the mornings. He always limits class size to a maximum of four students so that each can have a computer and so they can get the one-on-one attend they need during the sessions.

Some of the students from the computer classes at Jícaro Gordo.

There is also now a permanent

computer at the church building that allows students to come and practice when they can. As always, all classes end with a Bible devotional. About five of his 14 students in January were not members of the church.

Doris Clark

Doris Clark, as most will recall was the co-founder of the Predisán medical facility here in Catacamas, came to town to visit friends prior to the Predisán board meeting this month and graciously accepted our invitation to share dinner with us one evening. Doris is a North American who has made a lasting impression and impact on Catacamas and her name continues to come up in conversations with church members and acquaintances on a regular basis. Since the scriptures proclaim that a good name is better than good or rubies, Doris is a rich woman indeed. We thank God for the work she did here in Catacamas for an impressive 21 years, and pray that we can build on her foundations of goodwill and evangelism in some small way.

Stateside Visitor and Seminar

We were privileged to host Bob Young for a week this month, and to set up an impromptu preacher advancement seminar in our home for three days. Six preachers attended a three hour session on Thursday and then enjoyed a wonderful lunch of hearty chicken soup with tostada chips prepared by Yohana, Joanne's helper. The second day all of the original six returned and brought two additional preachers, and enjoyed a lunch of Chinese rice and cashew chicken following the three hour seminar. On Saturday, the final day, five men attended and completed the seminar with a lunch of spaghetti. Bob was in country for a seminar he would be teaching the following week in San Pedro Sula and allowed us to learn



Bob showing computer resources to the students.

from his wisdom before his scheduled program. He also accepted invitations to address the congregations at Nuevo Progreso during their meeting on Thursday afternoon, and at San Isidro on their weekly Friday devotional. Saturday he accompanied Dwight to Jicaro Gordo to celebrate the completion of Dwight's three computer classes held this month. Bob has a wonderful web site with great study resources at <http://BobYoungResources.com/> (both in English and Spanish), that you may be interested in checking out.



The preachers from the first day of Bob Young's seminar.

Coursework

Joanne is on the downhill stretch of her next-to-final course, and also continues to chip away at her dissertation. She spends an average of three hours per day on course readings and writing. But she also continues to learn a lot from the courses and dissertation requirements and is still thankful she is in the process and still motivated to trudge forward. Please pray for her continued motivation and for a quick completion of this process.

Areawide Worship

Sunday, Jan. 27, the El Colegio congregation participated in the combined worship of the local congregations that takes place roughly every three months. This time it was hosted by Las Lomas, about one mile east of Catacamas proper. Joanne assisted the San Isidro congregation by transporting their members in our pickup. There were about 300 adults with many more children in attendance representing nine congregations. In the meantime, Bob Young was preaching at the two church plants of David and Suyapa Chacon; Colonia Agrícola in the morning, and Hormiguero at 3:30 in the afternoon.



Delsi Pacheco peeking out from behind her husband, Fredy Lopez, at the Areawide Worship.

Groups

We are preparing to assist David Chacón with two groups that he will have coming in the month of February. The first is a small group from TX for whom we will be a second driver and vehicle on their one or two day trips to the mountains. We have helped David with this group on two previous occasions and both times were seriously troubled by the impassable condition of the roads caused by heavy rains. While it has only been drizzling here in Catacamas, it has been a more-or-less steady condition and the mountains tend to get heavier rains when we get wet weather. Please pray for the roads to dry so that the group can visit the churches they are supporting.

The second group will come from our new sponsoring congregation in Raleigh, N.C. and will only be here in Catacamas for one night so that the group can meet us. The following day they will travel about two hours in the opposite direction of the previous group to Amacuapa. Joanne will travel up with David and Suyapa for three days to teach health and hygiene classes in three different communities in conjunction with their ladies' ministries to the three congregations.

Prayers

Please continue to pray for Dwight's mother, Carol. Pray for Joanne's continuing work on her dissertation and the rest of her coursework for her Doctorate in Public Health. Please pray for the groups that are coming down this next month - for dry weather and safe travels.

We thank our Lord for you. May He bless and keep you in His hands, Dwight & Joanne