



MGM International

Multiplying Leaders for the Great Hispanic Harvest



News from Ivan and Lizzy Villalobos

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Dear Friends and Family,

Health-related issues in our church family continued during the month of February, presenting a lot of opportunities to see and help the church family come alongside one another in prayer, comfort each other in affliction, and show hospitality and special care. We just held the funeral for a previous deacon from our church who died suddenly, and it has been very difficult for the family. One of the ways in which we had the opportunity to help was by hosting two families who came for the funeral. A lady in our church just had cancer surgery, and there is a very tiny baby hospitalized due to early birth. We appreciate your prayers for our church, and for us as we learn to pray more, love our church family better, and worship God in a way of which He is worthy.

We both had the opportunity to speak at a youth conference in a neighboring town, as well as hold our February young adults' reunion. One of the ways we've seen the Lord work in the group is that they are more unified, as well as more involved. Our counseling opportunities continue to come, and we have been able to work with students at the Bible college as well as families at Emmanuel Baptist Church. IPES Bible college held their monthly mission trip to neighboring towns, and we praise the Lord for one person with whom Ivan spoke, who professed faith in Christ.

We are still in the process of getting our ACBC certification, and we are closer to the goal. Please remember us in your prayers as we work towards that.

During the month of March Lizzy had the opportunity to speak during a session at a ladies' conference that was held on International Women's Day (March 8th). As in other parts of the world, this day has become a very controversial day, giving way to violence, immorality, and other perversions of what Scripture highlights concerning the honorable role of women.

We made a trip to Phoenix, AZ, to participate in a friend's wedding. While there, we had the opportunity to stay at IBCS, where Ivan was able to teach his Foundations of Counseling class in person and to get to know the students more. We also took advantage of the trip in order to try to bring down a large donation of furniture for IPES that has been stored in Phoenix for a while. Sadly, the furniture is still stuck at the border, and we appreciate your prayers for us to figure out how to work with Customs at the Mexican border in order to be able to bring down the cargo.

Ivan Speaking at the Youth Conference



Lizzy speaking at the Ladies' Conference



Ivan teaching at IBCS



We wrapped up the month of March with a family camp during Spring Break, where Ivan had the opportunity to teach a couple of times. We ended the week with a special celebration of our Savior's resurrection. Our church usually has a sunrise service on a hill, followed by a breakfast and worship service at church.

Our Bible club at Round Rock Community is growing slowly but surely. We praise the Lord for another lady who was recently saved with one of the ladies of our group there. We are sad to hear that crime is increasing in the area where we are working, implying the death of a young man who had been invited to the Bible club, and an attempted kidnapping and beating of other relatives of some of the children.

Please remember to pray for:

- Our ACBC certification
- Our counselees at IPES Bible College and Emmanuel Baptist Church
- The donation situation at Customs.
- Safety and salvation of families at Round Rock Bible Club
- Club
- Safety for our team and members of Round Rock Bible Club

Loading up the donated furniture



Ivan teaching at Family Camp



Thanks for your prayers!

Love,

Ivan and Lizzy

