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## News from Ivan and Lizzy Villalobos

Dear Praying Friends,

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May whirlwinded the semester to an end. How thankful we are to God for allowing us the privilege to finalize a whole school year here in Mexico. Our hearts are full and expectant, grateful for what opportunities God gave us to serve Him but also looking forward to all that's coming. As we get ready to take off in a couple of days to visit some of you this summer, we testify to the fact that God's mercies are great and new every morning in allowing us to serve Him here. We are so thankful for you—your support, which the Lord has used to provide for our needs; your prayers—which have sustained us and strengthened us; your messages—which have been encouraging to us. We are excited to begin another school year and continue with the ministries in which the Lord has allowed us to serve Him.

The school year at IPES ended with an eventful week of graduation activities. For the event, we hosted Pastor Pepe Valadéz from Aguascalientes, who has been diligently taking the online courses the Bible college and seminary provides, and graduating with a Master's degree in Teaching Bible. Almost all 45 students have made their way to their homes across the country, and we are excited to announce that we are expecting between 15-20 new students for this following school year. Both Lizzy and I finished up our counseling courses, excited for the way the truths of God's Word shed light on the students' lives, and we are looking forward to teaching another group next year.

This month we were also able to organize a unique event, with required attendance of our counseling students and Christian school teachers. My father-in-law, who is also our pastor here, and the IPES director, helped us organize the conference and decided to open the invitation to pastors in the city as well as members of our congregation and the rest of the faculty, staff, and student body of the college. The event was a conference on the topic of Sexual and Domestic Abuse and, more particularly, what the law requires of churches and institutions in the case of such abuse. The speakers were a lawyer from town, who specializes in the topic, and her assistant.

We praise God that there has been more unity in the young adults' group and are thankful for each person who has joined. We held two meetings during the month of May, and we continue to study the book of James. This past meeting there was more participation during the study, and we are also thankful for a lot of feedback and good ideas from the young adults.

My wife and I are also grateful to God for being able to celebrate six years of God's faithfulness in our marriage this month, and we are excited about serving Him together for the rest of our lives.

We highly appreciate your prayers for the following:

- Bible club children and families—salvation
- Young adults' spiritual growth.
- Summer travels—protection, and that God would use us for His glory.

Graduation



Young adults' group



Lizzy with some of her counselees from the Bible college



Ivan and some of his counselees from the Bible college



Ivan speaking after the conference on sexual and domestic abuse

