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## News from Ivan and Lizzy Villalobos

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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We thought October was busy, until we blinked, and it was the end of November!

We are so thankful for God's provision, protection, and mercy towards us this month. We started off the month travelling to the US border to buy turkeys for a better price. The Bible college and seminary (IPES) faculty host Thanksgiving dinners every year, and the students are spread out in our individual homes for the suppers. My wife's sister and her family came to Mexico for a short surprise visit, and we really enjoyed being able to spend Thanksgiving with them as well as with some of the students at my in-laws' home. It was an enjoyable evening of food, fellowship, giving of thanks, and fun.

We also had the opportunity to travel to Tijuana on a short trip this month to speak for the anniversary celebration of Alpha and Omega Baptist Church. The church held services from Thursday to Sunday, and both Lizzy and I had the opportunity to speak multiple times. We thank God for the wonderful opportunity, the fellowship, and the delicious food they served. The church was so loving and gracious to us. We also got to see six IPES graduates at the services. Also, we praise God for one person who received Christ Sunday morning.

Our evenings usually consist of watching the online counseling classes that Selah Ministries gave us the opportunity to take, with the goal of becoming certified counselors. We are extremely grateful for this opportunity and are greatly enjoying the courses. Some church members have come to us for counsel, and though this is not our main ministry focus (the focus being training others in biblical counseling and equipping the church), we rejoice seeing the Word of God bring victory and hope to these believers. Our desire to give pastors the tools to perform better biblical counseling is growing by the day and is slowly taking shape into future projects. Through conversations with the academic dean, my father-in-law, who is the director of the Bible college and seminary, as well as with other faculty members and pastors in town, we have had more clarity as to what possibilities exist for creating a place where IPES graduates and other church leaders and pastors can obtain a biblical counseling certification. In the meantime, we are finishing up the school semester, teaching and working on the counseling courses at IPES, as well as counseling individual students.

We continue to host young adults' meetings once a month, and this month we touched on the topic of substance abuse from a biblical perspective, one of the topics they asked to cover in the questionnaire.

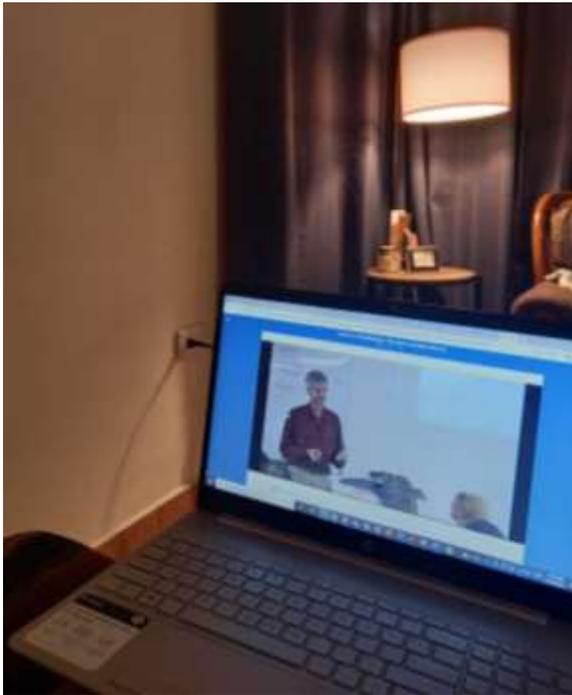
We just want to thank you so much for your prayers and continued support! Your prayers for the following are greatly appreciated: Wisdom for our own classes we are taking, wisdom for the development of future counseling projects, and spiritual growth of the young adults we are working with. Thank you again, and God bless!

In Christ,  
Ivan and Lizzy

Teaching and preaching in Tijuana:



Taking our classes:



Young adults' meeting:

