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## News from Ivan and Lizzy Villalobos

Dear Praying Friends,

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October brought with it cooler weather, which we are greatly enjoying! Although we miss the fall colors, we sure get our dose of color what with pumpkin spice everything, apple-picking outings, and the warm bonfires on chilly fall nights! It's just not in the way you'd expect. Throughout Mexico, October is seen as a month of celebration and remembrance for the dead. At a street corner close to our house, vendors line up rows and rows of orange "flowers of the dead," as they call them here. Even nature this month is drying up here, as the last rains were in September. Mix all that with Halloween decorations everywhere, and it's not a very revitalizing sight, although somewhat colorful. We praise God, however, for His living Word that is bringing life and light in the middle of darkness and death.

In the seminary, both of us are involved in giving a few individual counseling sessions with some of the seminary students, and we have had the privilege of seeing God's Word bring light and life to lives dulled by sin and unbelief.

In our young adults' ministry, one of the young men has had a growing desire to get involved in knowing and serving God more, and Ivan just started discipleship sessions with him. He is now joining Ivan in men's prayer meetings and at our Bible club every Saturday, as well as being faithful in church. We are thankful to see God's Word bringing life and light to his heart. Please remember him in your prayers.

In church, we celebrated Missions' Emphasis Week and had an opportunity to host the Victoria family on their way to Africa in our home. We are thankful for God's Word that stirred hearts! After the missions conference, another young man in our church gave testimony of the work God is doing in his heart, leading him to study for full-time ministry.

At the Piedra Bola evangelism, discipleship, and children's club ministry, God's Word is bringing light and life to the neighborhood, and we can't thank you enough for your prayers. Please continue to pray! Two of the ladies in our group had an opportunity to give the gospel to a couple, neighbors in the park where we hold our Bible club. Although the husband wasn't too friendly, he listened to the gospel on that occasion. We never saw him again; however, last Saturday Lizzy encountered the wife, who was outside watering her plants. She asked how she and her husband were doing, to which the woman replied, "My husband's gone." After talking for a few minutes, the lady said, "You know, on his deathbed, my husband began muttering. When I asked him what he was saying, he said, 'I was talking to God—asking Him to forgive me for all of my sins. I was getting things right with God.'" We praise God that His Word is bringing life to these people.

Please continue to pray for our young adults, that they would continue to expose their hearts to receive the Word of God and commit to deepening their relationship with Him; and for the Round Rock community—it seems as if the children in our Bible club still do not understand the gospel. Please pray that God would bring light to their minds and hearts to understand and see their need for a Savior.

In Christ, Ivan and Lizzy



Lizzy sharing the gospel in Round Rock community



Lizzy's dad at Missions Conference



Eunice and Jessica (1<sup>st</sup> picture); Saul and Samuel with Ivan (2<sup>nd</sup> picture); some of the young adults in our group.

