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News from Ivan and Lizzy Villalobos

Dear Friends and Family,

We are always so grateful for all of your prayers and support. You helped us pray for Marco and Senaida who come from a children's home in Bolivia. God brought them all the way here and, after lots of back-and-forth messages and trips between the lawyer helping us on their case and the immigration offices, as well as much prayer and paperwork, they both received their temporary resident cards at the same time we renewed our own. Please continue lifting them up in prayer for grace as they get adjusted to this new culture and IPES's pace and for the Lord's provision for their education.

School at IPES Bible College started off with lots of influenza among students this year, and though we are still battling it a bit, we're thankful it has not developed into anything serious. We want to specifically thank Independent Baptist Church of Bolingbrook, IL, for their generous gift to help with IPES's front patio area. We were able to hire a landscaping company, purchase landscape fabric, 8 meters of decorative rock and some bushes to help make the area look more presentable.

In February, Ivan was invited to travel to Uruguay to teach a block class on Biblical Counseling at the Baptist Seminary of Colonia, Uruguay. The seminary doesn't currently offer a class on that topic, and there seems to be a great need for it in Uruguay, as depression and suicide are at a very high level. While Ivan was away, Lizzy took one of her class groups to a children's home in a nearby town, about four hours away. The director, his wife, and two staff members are IPES grads, and it was such a blessing to see them minister lovingly to about 45 children. Our hearts were touched and challenged seeing the children's love for the Scriptures and their love for the Lord expressed in continuous song. They recently held a missions' conference where they were challenged to go to their "Jerusalem" and "Judaea," and since then they have been going to their own community and all the neighboring villages they can reach with the gospel. Our team joined them in visiting four villages where we were able to share the gospel and hold Bible clubs and services in each community. We encountered so many people who were thirsty for the truth, and we were able to reap some of what the group has been sowing on a weekly basis. The Lord brought us all safely back home the same night Ivan arrived also, just in time to stay off the roads for a couple of days, while the unrest took place. Thanks for your prayers; though unrest continues in Mexico, Sonora seems to be far enough away from the worst of it.

Please pray for:

- Marco and Senaida's provision and grace for their education
- Wisdom for us as we deal with car trouble (our transmission went out)
- Smooth process renewing our passports this year

With love,
Ivan and Lizzy

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Marco and Senaida



*Decorative rock donation for
IPES's front patio*



*Ivan at the Baptist Seminary of
Colonia, Uruguay*



*The team that went to the children's
home in Navojoa*