



MGM International
Multiplying Leaders for the Great Hispanic Harvest



News from Ivan and Lizzy Villalobos

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Dear Friends,

We hope you're all doing well! We just wanted to share with you a brief update on our lives and ministries this October. Thank the Lord, both Lizzy and I are staying healthy and doing well!

At church I had a special opportunity to share in three separate sessions more of what biblical counseling is, according to Scripture, and the biblical view on specific topics, such as depression. It was a blessing to see the Word bring hope to the people; a few had great questions afterwards, and others asked for specific and individual help from the Word. Another area my wife and I are enjoying serving in is the teen group ministry. We are helping with games and some teaching. A young adult from the church recently organized a youth rally where all the youth groups from likeminded churches in or around the city also attended. We were invited to speak on the topic of abortion from a biblical perspective to a group of about 200 teens, and another pastor in the area gave a beautiful gospel presentation as well. Your prayers are highly appreciated for the young adult group we are directing. The reunions, consisting of fellowship, food, fun, and Bible study, are held in our home once a month, but we see the need of working more in depth with the young adults.

The Bible college and seminary ministry has involved us in their once-a-month short mission trips to outer towns and small church plants in the city. My wife and I spent the night with the group that travelled to Mazatán, a small town about an hour and a half away from the city, where our church has been able to purchase land and begin a mission. We were able to share the gospel there and to hold a couple of services. Please pray for God to raise up a faithful man who would be willing to pastor this mission full-time. The people are open; and, although a group from our church goes to Mazatán every Saturday, there is a definite need for someone to be there more consistently, living among the people, and pastoring them.

Our evenings at home are pretty busy, as my wife and I are currently taking courses towards the ACBC certification. We are enjoying the privilege of refreshing our minds with truths of Scripture that bring hope and light and are looking forward to applying this knowledge in our counseling opportunities and in our training of others.

We also want to thank you so much for your prayers and financial support. We appreciate your prayers for these specific requests:

- Diego's growth, a young man we met during evangelism who claims to have been saved through others' ministry a couple years back. He has been attending church, and we are trying to disciple him.
- Spiritual growth and commitment of the young adults
- A faithful man to pastor the Mazatán mission
- Our counseling courses we are currently taking—wisdom to apply these truths lovingly in our teaching and in our counseling

Lizzy speaking on the topic of abortion with the teenage girls.



Ivan directing a game in youth group:



Mission trip team bonfire and testimony time:

