



DISCIPLING AND STRENGTHENING HEARTS FOR CHRIST

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Who We Are

Alex and Julie came to know the Lord while they lived in Puebla, Mexico in 1982. They have 3 grown children: Amelia, her husband Jordan, David and Amanda. Alex and Julie attended Charis Bible College (CBC) where they graduated in 2009. July 1, 2010, they were ordained into the ministry and now reside in Queretaro, Mexico.

May the Lord direct your hearts to God's love and Christ's endurance.
2 Thessalonians 3:5

THANKSGIVING IN SEPTEMBER?

Last year at this time, Alex and I were spending very long hot days sitting on a small cushioned bench (our only piece of furniture at the time) in an empty house anticipating being able to begin our work here in Queretaro. One morning we woke up to the incredibly loud and reverberating sound of pounding which we were serenaded with for 3 months due to the construction of our neighbor's home up against our bedroom wall. A month later, our household shipment arrived from the US. And Alex faithfully battled the traffic and long lines nearly everyday to get our telephone and internet set up which also ended up taking a month. Just about the time we thought things were going to be resolved, a new ridiculous issue would present itself and so it continued one step forward and a couple steps backwards. Thank God for restaurants with wifi, phone cards and humor!



Palabra de Vida, C.Victoria, Mx

As the one year anniversary of our arrival to Mexico approached, we decided that a celebration or a "thanksgiving" was in order. So we've added a new holiday to our calendar.....Thanksgiving in September! The time that we've spent traveling or moments we're at home, we keep thinking back over all the zany circumstances, the wonderful people and the supernatural opportunities we've experienced since we set footcont. p 2...

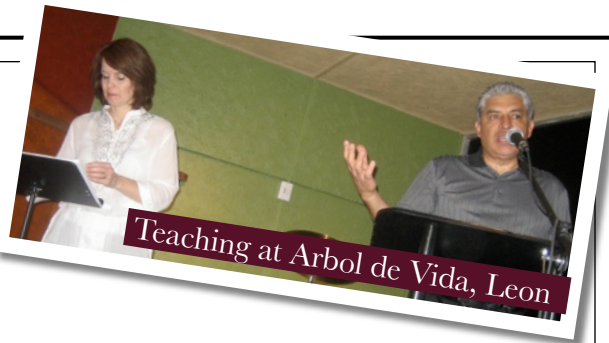
Sept. 13-16 we traveled to Ciudad Victoria to attend Bobby and Lynn Crow's church conference. During the time we spent at Palabra de Vida, the Crow's and their staff were so kind and helpful to us. We also met many pastors and saw our friends from CBC. We also took advantage of the trip to work with our attorney in San Luis Potosí on our legal association.



.....here in Mexico on Sept. 1, 2010! We can honestly say that the craziness and frustrations we have walked through have only made the victory and resulting testimony sweeter.

Here are some highlights of our first year's adventure:

- 19 people have been born again
- 116 people received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit or help speaking in tongues
- 59 people have been trained to use Discipleship Evangelism (DE)
- 223 sets of DE have been distributed to individuals and pastors



And in doing this, we have driven 5,290 ministry miles! These numbers and facts are special to us because when we look at them we not only remember all the precious people we've had the privilege to meet and minister to, but we also think about all of you and how you have faithfully given, believed and prayed with us that others would experience the "almost-to-good-to-be-true-gospel" for themselves. Together we have so much to celebrate! What an honor it is to "Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim His greatness. And let the whole world know what He has done. Psalm 105:1(NLT)!"

Our first year came to a close with the opportunity to minister at one of our favorite places, [Arbol de Vida](#) at Jeff and Sylvia Duncan's church in Leon (approximately 2 hours NW of Queretaro). We had a wonderful time teaching about the Lord's plan for each one of us to be transformed and actually seeing people respond to the Lord in such a heartfelt ways. Many received prayer for healing and encouragement. One young girl gave her heart to Jesus. We are honored to know Pastors Sylvia and Jeff. They have such a great love and dedication for the people of Mexico and particularly Leon!

We couldn't have thought of a more perfect close to our anniversary month than to attend [Palabra de Vida's](#) annual Revival Conference (Sept. 13-15). Many pastors attend this conference and for those of you who know Bobby and Lynn Crow you know that we were treated to the kindest hospitality. We are so grateful for the time that Bobby and Lynn and their awesome staff spent helping us. What a special time of worship, prayer, fellowship and encouragement!

This year has also taught us a great deal about the power of remembering and thanking God for all His help and mercy in our lives. We all have plenty of "zaniness" and plain old frustration in life, but as believers we have an Awesome and Faithful God who loves us unconditionally now and forever. We also have the opportunity to stop and celebrate His greatness! Simply take a few moments and think back over the past couple of months.....and begin to tell yourself and others about how the Lord's been good to you and your family. You may declare a new holiday for your life too!



Alex and I are so touched by all you've done to help us and we want you to know that we are excited to be proclaiming God's unconditional love and grace to the people of Mexico together with you. Thank you for praying, giving and encouraging us during this first year of ministry!

Blessed in His love,

Alex & Julie

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