

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Souls!
- BWM Retreat
- Visit Dyserts and Cedarville
- Sunday Bible studies on the Holy Spirit and Galatians
- Praying in homes on Thursdays
- SBBE, Tim and Alice teaching

Special requests:

- Evangelism and outreach in Soto del Henares - Torreon de Ardoz
- Building redemptive relationships: we are each praying for specific friends to share Christ with.
- Nic taking a gap year to work on his piano skills and writing music. Pray for him and us as he decides which college to attend.

Dysert Ministry Update

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God's faithfulness through the summer and on into the fall...

What a summer! We can hardly believe we are now a month into fall! We thank God for his goodness and are moving forward expectantly trusting God to use his Word to work in lives so that more people will hear the Gospel and trust Christ as their Savior, and so that others will mature in their spiritual walk, loving the Lord Jesus more and serving Him in their local church. Our last update closed with Nic's graduation from high school, Tim's finishing a class at SBBE, and news that Tim's dad was quite ill. Since that time God has been answering our prayers. Here are some of the key highlights:

A SOUL SAVED! In July we rejoiced when Luz made a profession of faith. Luz came from Peru to Spain along with her 15-year-old sister Paula (second and third from the right in the photo) last March, and they attend weekly with their mother Rosa. On Sundays we were studying what the real Gospel is, and by the end of July, Luz was ready to bow the knee and trust



Christ. Paula is listening and learning but says she is not quite ready at this point. Pray for them and for us, specifically that God's Word would effectively work in their lives and bear fruit.

MANY REFRESHED! At the end of July, we Dyserts attended the BWM European Retreat. Years ago, Ron Brooks, Eugene Mumford and Ray Virtue laid the groundwork for an annual time of encouragement for missionaries with Baptist World Mission serving in Europe. What a sweet time we shared! Bud Steadman came from the home office and opened the Word to the adults, Pastor Volker Stoeckmann from PA challenged the teens, and Cindy Bunker came from AL to teach the children. While Ron and Gene are now with the Lord, Ray came with his wife Marleen and showed us all how to serve the Lord with gladness even while battling



with cancer. By the end of the week, we were all glad that we came. The Lord used his Word and the fellowship of God's people to encourage all of our hearts, and we left promising to pray for Ray and Marleen and each other. Please join us in praying for these dear servants! As I write, Ray continues to press on as he serves the Lord but his health is failing.

Quick trip home to visit family and Cedarville! Although Nic had planned to begin his studies this fall he asked us if he could stay home for a gap year to work on improving his piano. Because the tickets were already purchased Tim and Nic flew to Cleveland and got to visit Tim's parents and his sisters, Becky and Tammy. We are so glad that Tim's dad is getting better; in July after he lost 40 pounds his kidneys began to function and he is gaining strength little by little. Philip and Stephen came from where they were too, and Stephen was able to take some pictures of the Dysert men down by Lake Erie. In their three week visit in Ohio Tim was even able to update the folks at Calvary Fellowship Baptist Church too. How good the Lord God is to us! The trip to Cedarville let Tim and Nic see the campus and have the opportunity to speak with professors in music and math, the two areas of study Nic is considering. Nic has been accepted to begin in the fall of 2019 but he is not 100% sure that is where he wants to wind up. Please pray for him and us as we decide!



Working and Moving Forward! Leaving family is never easy. Both Tim and Alice thank God for our parents and our siblings every day, but returning to the place of God's leading and calling is also our privilege and pleasure. Both of our parents taught us that there is joy in serving Jesus, and they are right! With that in mind we are back meeting in the Soto Language Academy on Sundays, continuing our study in Galatians and beginning a study on the Holy Spirit, and meeting in homes to pray on Thursday nights. Scheduling discipleship classes with Luz, deacon training classes with Efrain and Jose, encouraging the youth, and planning our outreach in Soto from now through the Three Kings holiday on January 6th are important matters of prayer. To date we have no clear leading to change our location, so our plan is to continue on and pray that God will give us souls. In all of this, please especially pray for Rosa, Luz and Paula.

Also pray for our core families. Efrain and Martha and their two children, Benjamin and Belen, are facing some challenging days as Efrain lost his job and needs to find another. Jose and Blanca come with their daughter, Maria. Jose has recently received the official documentation he needs to prove that he is physically handicapped and is no longer able to work in construction. He is taking classes in administration and I know he would appreciate your prayers as he prepares to look for a new job in this new field. Just tonight at prayer meeting he was praising the Lord that he passed the first major exam today, critical for him to continue in the program. Blanca asked prayer for her brother, Leonardo, who has terminal cancer and may not have long to live. He lives in Ecuador and has watched and heard from so many professing Christians who live sinful lives that he is tired of people trying to convert him. Pray that the Lord will open his heart.

Here at home we do enjoy hearing Nicolas practice piano three hours a day and Joy Loveday, his teacher, says he is improving. Meanwhile, Lydia is involved in StuCo, Honor Society, Honors Choir, Bible Study and English tutoring. In spite of her schedule and helping teach Belen at church she came home yesterday with straight A's on her report card, which had her jumping for joy. At SBBE this fall Alice is teaching a class titled "Women of the Bible" and Tim is teaching on Bible study methods. We are looking forward to the holiday season which gives opportunities to talk about Thanksgiving and the true Christmas message: how Jesus left his throne, became a baby in a manger, and then carried out God's redemptive plan. We thank God for your continued prayers and faithful financial support that enable us to serve the Lord with gladness here.

For hearts in the heart of Spain,

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