

# Grays in Mexico

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Christmas greetings to our Friends and Family!

This year finds us once again healthy and happy in sunny Mexico. The kids are doing very well, enjoying their school in Puebla for missionary kids. Susie is also teaching there part-time, which keeps her very busy.

Bob has spent much of this past year travelling, teaching in the extensions, promoting the Bible School in district functions, and visiting in other countries (Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Panama) to help with Theological Education in Latin America. He has also been teaching one-week intensive courses in the main Bible School where we live in Puebla (about 100 miles southeast of Mexico City).

The Bible School in Puebla has seen phenomenal growth this fall semester. With nine new students, we now have **record enrollment of 14**. While our focus has been on distance learning this past year (extensions, online, and video correspondence) we are seeing results in our recruiting efforts for all programs. With the three extensions and correspondence there are **currently 36 students and pastors** taking courses towards ordination. Again, this is a record number for all programs and brings us a lot closer to the **50/50 vision**: to see 50 new students and 50 existing pastors complete ordination requirements by the end of this missionary term in 2012. Keep praying!



In May this year we accepted a new appointment as **Regional Director for Mexico, El Salvador**, and the TOOL scholarship program for Latin America. In addition to the work in Mexico, Bob began to supervise the new work in El Salvador, making his first visit there in September. We will continue to live and work in Puebla, Mexico, while Bob travels back and forth. He is making his second visit this month of December for a pastors' retreat. Please continue to pray for him in his travels, and for Susie and the kids at home.

As we celebrate another year of God's faithfulness and the privilege of training workers in Mexico, El Salvador, and all of Latin America, we also give **thanks for your unfailing support**. Thank you for giving sacrificially, for praying fervently, and for promoting the work of world missions. We truly could not remain here and do the job without you. What a joy it is to serve with you on this wonderful team!

Merry Christmas and Many Blessings in the New Year,

Bob, Susie, Elisabeth, Aaron, Sarah.



*The traditional Christmas in Mexico celebrates Three Kings Day (Día de los Reyes) on January 6th, twelve days after Christmas, commemorating the wise men bringing gifts to baby Jesus.*