

Dear Team,

It's been an extremely busy six weeks! Last month Bob went to Medellin, Colombia for a week of meetings for the IberoAmerica Area. We had leaders from all over Latin American, Africa, and North America who met to renew a vision for missions and to plan for the Area to become a Regional Conference of the Wesleyan Church by 2016. Bob is on the Area Committee for Theological Education. Pictured is one of the worship services where over 300 people attended representing 20 countries.



Bob returned to Mexico in time for our National Board meeting held in the city of San Luis Potosi, about 7 hours northwest of where we live in Puebla. This was the first board meeting under our new National Superintendent, Rev. Arturo Salas. We are especially thankful for God's protection during Bob's travels, as the midnight bus he was riding had a small accident and hit a cow on the toll way (seriously!). No one was hurt (except the cow!); though the bus was stranded and Bob spent several hours through the night waiting for other busses to get him home to Puebla. And last week we received a team from our partner District of Greater Ohio to hold a pastors and students retreat near here in Puebla. Many thanks to Rev. Jeff Mansell and his team!

Besides these travels, Bob continues to teach courses at the Puebla Bible School, now half way through the fall semester. One other highlight for Mexico is the opening of a new Bible School extension this past September in Ciudad Mante (in our Northeast District) with six new students! There are currently 32 pastors and students taking classes in the Bible School and extensions all over Mexico. Susie is also finding herself extra busy this fall as she is teaching full time at the Puebla Christian School, grades 5-6. Puebla Christian is an English school specifically for children of missionaries in and around Puebla. They also receive bilingual students from other expatriates and Mexicans as an outreach ministry.

Meanwhile the work in El Salvador also continues to gain great momentum. Three new church plants have been launched in areas outside the capital city of San Salvador! These are preaching points that we have been working and are being pastored by six of our 16 ministerial students in El Salvador. We have also made contact with two existing pastors and churches who wish to join the Wesleyan Church. One of these pastors was formerly a Wesleyan pastor in the U.S. before returning to El Salvador.

Please pray for Bob as he travels to El Salvador next month, Dec. 8-13, to do a special pastors' retreat that will include these new student pastors and pastors in process of affiliation.

It's hard to believe it's almost Thanksgiving already and Christmas is just around the corner! We have so much to be thankful for. This will be our last holiday season in Mexico before we head back to the U.S. for a year of Home Ministries next year. It's not too early to email us about scheduling us for a visit in your church beginning August, 2012, through June, 2013.

Thank you again for all your prayers and support!

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