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Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for — GOD IS WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.

2022 A new year, new opportunities

We can hardly believe that it is more than two months since our last letter. Time certainly goes quickly

when you're busy. I'm sure here, as everywhere, the people of Mexico were happy to leave 2021 behind in relation to Covid and the complications it produced. January and February saw a resurgence of cases of the omnicron virus, but we are now experiencing relief from that as cases fall. Universities are back to face to face classes and the other schools are receiving children again with smaller class sizes. It is refreshing to see children and young people out and about - something we haven't seen for two years. We have watched the unrest in Canada and are now watching the horrors of war in Ukraine, where we taught English with fellow EFCCM missionaries in two of their Summer English Institutes. Our hearts are breaking for that dear country but we rest in the knowledge that God is in control and is with His people there as He is with us here.



We started our ESL classes again in mid January with new students joining both the online and face to face classes. There are now three university students who are not from our church in a face to face class, so please pray that these students will connect with others in the class from our church who are their age. Pray for Adele as she prepares lessons that include

sharing the Easter story. She also has three new online students from another part of Mexico who were connected through a mutual friend. God is bringing students to us, for which we are thankful. There continue to be families that need food or other practical assistance that we are blessed to be able to help with.

Wade is now mentoring three young men from the church on a regular basis in addition to the other administrative duties he performs and we continue to be involved at the children's home by providing English classes once a week.

Praise:

- for all who so faithfully pray for us on a regular basis and for many who support us financially.
- for new students in both the online and F2F classes who are not from a church.
- for funds to continue the Hacienda project

Pray:

- for Adele's English classes in 2022.
- for an open door as we join a local campus ministry to add English (ESL) as outreach to university students.
- for our continued learning of Spanish.
- for Adele's back which has recently began to again cause her pain and discomfort
- for Wade who has been asked to speak at Árbol de Vida EFC on Easter Sunday.
- for funds to complete Hacienda Los Árboles Retreat Centre projects.
- for the practical service ministries we are privileged to participate in.

Highlights and Updates

We don't have room here to tell you all the news, but we do want to share three special highlights with you. We were blessed to have



Melvin and Priscilla Sayer - former EFCCM missionaries to Ukraine and Melvin also served as an Area Director - visit us for a day. We had a wonderful time and were able to show them a bit of Hermosillo and area, including Árbol de Vida EFC building and the Hacienda los Árboles Retreat Center. We are looking forward to their return next year to get involved in various aspects of the ministry here. Adele's English classes continue to grow. Almost every week she is receiving requests to join

her classes. Finally, we are excited to share that we received some donations towards the upgrading projects at the Hacienda los Árboles Retreat Center. Materials have been ordered and the real work will be starting next week. (Pictures will be included in our next update.)

On a more personal level, most of you know that Adele's mom passed away on December 21. It was difficult to be so far from her and because of Covid, we were unable to fly home at that time. We are planning to have a family graveside service in July when we will be in Canada for our vacation time. We are so thankful for her life - a life of love and service to her family and others. We miss her but rejoice she is in heaven, free from suffering.

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Our first ever orange harvest ...and it was conveniently located just one meter outside our back door.



Adele sitting with our share of the harvest ...the birds got the other third of the crop.



Introducing Polo, the newest member of the Hacienda los Árboles security team.

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