

# Blessing the World

## From Bill & Debbie:

Last Sunday the Agua Viva Churches held the third Family Conference on the LAMM Campus. There were five things that I especially enjoyed.

**First:** This year we have four congregations instead of three. Abner who is the grandson of pastor Abraham in Calpulalpan started a church in the town of Sanctorum. Abner participated in the Immersion program last year. He does not have a call to the nations but has embraced the work of planting a church where there was no church. He has recruited people from Apizaco to help with worship, evangelism and children's ministry. It was great to see members of the new work at this event.

**Second:** On numerous occasions put a tarp over the parking area for larger events. This year we used the second floor of the LAMM Office Building. The space is totally unfinished, but we hung a few light bulbs, and it was ready to go. It was the first time we were able to make use of the second floor.

**Third:** There were five different workshops, children's ministry, two worship times and I preached a message on sewing into your family.

**Fourth:** Kids were running, rolling down the hill and enjoying the space. Fun to watch. I realized that most of them live in apartments and don't have outdoor space. It makes me happy that we have a campus that blesses families.

**Fifth:** We all ate together. It was a great time of fellowship.

- \* Pray for the Agua Viva Churches. That God would use them to reach their communities.
- \* Pray that we would have the resources to complete the second floor of the LAMM office building.

## From Jordan & Trisha:

For our first two years in Japan, our responsibility from TEAM is not only to improve our Japanese language ability but to also network with Christians working in Japan to explore future long-term ministry opportunities. Over the last couple weeks Trisha has actually been connecting with people very interested in her former career in Geographic Information Systems. Trisha has long felt that she could potentially use her skills to help support missional work here in Japan, and tomorrow she has a meeting with a Japanese Christian organization that has a database of over 8,000 Protestant churches in Japan. They are interested in learning about how Trisha could potentially contribute her mapping skills to their work, so please pray that the meeting goes well and that God could use Trisha and her unique talents to grow His Kingdom in Japan.

For more information about our workers, see the Blessing the World wall by the nursery.

## From Jean & Joy

Thanks for Madu's interest in Jesus. Our old employee in translation Bari has been staying at Madu's place as he looks for work here in the city, and he's been sharing about Jesus with his host. We pray that this interest would grow into genuine faith.

We continue to pray for Bari, who ended up leaving his extended family home and village after making a decision to follow Jesus. God, please help him to fully understand what he's choosing, and to commit sincerely to you. Help him to desire connection with other believers; so far he hasn't picked up on those opportunities. We also hope he will seek out the opportunity to talk things through with us in person.

Jean and his Koso-3 colleagues are drafting new portions of Scripture in Koso-3. They started the Joseph story, and would like to work on Romans as it might be helpful for people like Bari. Pray that God would help them to find the right words to be faithful in our translation work (to be accurate, clear, and natural) as well as figure out which of our Koso-3 friends would be spiritually ready to work on Romans with us.

We feel so sad for our neighbors. On Thursday evening, a driver on the highway near our house tried to pass a truck by speeding on the shoulder in the rain. He killed our neighbor, a mother of two boys just younger than Caleb and Hugo, with whom we often play. Please pray that God helps them to show love to her husband and kids in the right ways for this culture. There has been a series of heavy challenges in that broader household this past year, and Joy is often asked to pray for them.

Praise the Lord all you nations.  
Praise Him all you people of the earth.  
For He loves us with unfailing love;  
the Lord's faithfulness endures forever. Praise the Lord!  
**Psalm 117**

## Sat-7

The two fastest growing churches in the world now are in Iran and Afghanistan.