



The Crockers

Serving with the Mike Goldfuss family in Mexico City

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The dry season has peaked here in Mexico City. It is very dusty, very smoggy, and a lot warmer. We can't complain, though, as the temperatures never reach higher than the mid-80s. Jon is excited about the rainy season (which normally starts in June), but Andrea will be sad to see the warmer weather go. Paul doesn't really care. He constantly thinks of new things—indoor and outdoor—that he will be able to teach his little brother at the end of June (though he hasn't quite understood yet that his baby brother will neither jump on the trampoline nor play with trains from the start!).

Looking Back: March and April

During March we were able to do a bit more exploration of parts of the city we had never seen before. There is certainly no shortage of such places! The Goldfusses were away for several days, so our students gave us some time off. It is a sobering task to attempt to evaluate various parts of the city in terms of need for a Gospel-preaching church. A number of such churches are scattered throughout, but a hundred more churches could not crowd this vast city. The day the Goldfusses returned, they received a phone call from someone who had received a tract from Jon that very day. He was calling the number printed on the back to find out where the church was located. Praise the Lord! The man lives around an hour away so attending our church would be difficult, but please pray that the Lord would enable this man to hear the Gospel and respond to it.

The first Sunday in April we had a wonderful Resurrection Sunday service here at the Goldfuss home. We enjoyed a sunrise service and a very encouraging worship service as well as breakfast and lunch together as a church. The weather was nice, and we were thrilled to have over eighty people in attendance, a few of whom were first-time visitors.

We had a time of fellowship with several young couples again in April. It was exciting to welcome Ivan and Claudia for the first time. We pray they will continue to attend church and desire to be involved. This couple and their extended family have been an encouragement as we have seen the Lord direct them to seek biblical advice in some very difficult circumstances. We are unsure of their salvation, so please pray that the Word of God will continue to shine into their hearts to bring them to a clear understanding of repentance and faith.

The Sunday evening Bible study is always a blessing. Jon continues the series on basic Bible Doctrine. We are encouraged by the good spirit and attentiveness of those present. There are two or three lost people present nearly every Sunday night. Please pray that God would open their eyes to see the truth and their hearts to receive it.

Last week, Jon finished a series of almost twenty Wednesday night messages on the prayers of the apostle Paul recorded in the New Testament. Each Wednesday we focused our prayer time on a specific request from the text of Scripture. The series was a great help to us and, based on comments we received, to others as well. He has also had the opportunity the last two Lord's Day mornings to preach in churches in other parts of the city.

When He saw the MULTITUDES, He was MOVED with COMPASSION (Matthew 9:36).

Looking Ahead

Andrea plans to continue teaching piano lessons this semester until the beginning of June. There is always more vocabulary territory to conquer, and hymnplaying terminology is the latest challenge. It is exciting to see all the students' progress and their eagerness to apply what they have learned to the church setting.

We are preparing to host the Bob Jones University Spanish Mission Team in June. It is hard to believe that we were here for last year's team also. This year has gone by so quickly. Pray for the team as they prepare to leave and for their testimony before the church people.

The newest Crocker is due to arrive in less than two months. We are very grateful to the Lord that so far Andrea and the baby have been very healthy and things have gone extremely well. We are all excited to welcome the new little guy into our home. Please pray for wisdom as we handle all of the legal matters involved with a birth abroad and dual citizenship.

We are very thankful for the encouragement it is to remember that we have good friends praying for us and for our church here in Mexico City. Recently we have been reminded of what God has done in the past as a result of His servants' prayers. We desire to be more faithful in recognizing and demonstrating our dependence on our Lord through coming to Him in prayer.

For His Glory,
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