



# The Crockers

Serving with the Mike Goldfuss family in Mexico City

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Paul now refers to Coca-Cola by its Spanish name, makes “tacos” out of paper, and regularly says “Hasta luego” as we say goodbye to people. He, like his parents, is getting used to things and making friends.

#### **Looking Back: September and October**

September 16 marked the 199<sup>th</sup> year of Mexico’s independence. We took a trip downtown the day before with a family in the church to see the beautifully decorated buildings and get into the spirit of Independence Day. That evening we enjoyed some tacos at a different family’s home as we waited until the televised 11:00 p.m. presidential “shout” in honor of the event. The countdown has already begun around here for the bicentennial celebration next year.

We had a good meeting with the married couples in September eating pizza and playing a few games of “Spoons” with UNO cards. The devotional focused on humility as we prepare to begin our book study once the books we have ordered arrive. October’s meeting was cancelled, but we look forward to meeting in the home of one of the couples for the November meeting.

October brought an encouraging visit from Cyndi Grover, a relative of Faith Goldfuss, who is on deputation to go to Africa as a medical missionary with Gospel Fellowship Association. Jon added Spanish subtitles to her DVD presentation, and we watched it in our Sunday School. It was a great blessing to see the way people expectantly crowded around the screen to get a better view. It was probably the first time any of the church members had seen a missionary presentation or heard from a missionary to Africa.

Three people in the church were baptized October 25 after the afternoon service. We had a meal together at the church afterwards. It was wonderful to hear the testimonies of those being baptized and later to see one of the families from our Sunday evening Bible study come for the meal. We continue to pray that this family will see the importance of honoring the Lord’s Day rather than working on Sunday mornings.

Jon has preached each Wednesday night in October as Morgan is still ministering in Uruguay. We are studying some of Paul’s intercessory prayers in his epistles.

We mentioned in our last update that we are praying for Leticia’s family. Since then, Leticia’s husband Pedro has attended a number of times. One service, Leticia’s son-in-law and daughter visited. The son-in-law said he had received a tract from Jon earlier in the week. We rejoice in the Lord’s supervision over this “coincidence.” Mike said this was probably the first person he has seen come to a Sunday morning service as a result of being given a tract.

#### **Looking Ahead: November**

Later this month Jon plans to finish the series on Sunday evenings on the importance of giving our attention to the Bible. This study has been a real challenge to our hearts, and we hope it has also been an encouragement to the others who attend. He plans to begin a short series on prayer before moving on to some Christmas messages (time is flying).

The big event for our family in November will be a five-day trip to the U.S.-Mexico border to renew our personal visas and re-register our car in this country. We plan to stock up on some necessary items like chocolate chips as well as pick up the books for our young couples study while we are in Texas. Please pray for safety on the roads and that we will remember all the necessary paperwork for the various government requirements.

Our paperwork renewal marks roughly the six-month point in our time here. We ask you all to pray that the Lord will help us to use the time we have left here to further His Kingdom and grow in grace.

For Christ,  
Jon, Andrea, and Paul Crocker

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