



The Crockers

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Happy New Year! It is a great joy to begin a new year with confidence that the Lord Jesus Christ reigns and fulfills all His purposes.

Looking Back: December

The first Saturday of December was our couples' fellowship. A couple of families did not come, but we did enjoy a wonderful time discussing practical family questions with those who were there. We are thankful for the Lord's working in the hearts of one of the couples who regularly comes to church and the couples' meeting. It is very exciting to see them learning to take the Bible, and not the tradition they have been taught, as the rule for their lives.

Around that time, Jon and Mike were able to have a good visit in the home of a family who is suffering the effects marital unfaithfulness. It seems at times that they are desiring the Lord's help in restoring their home as well as their relationship with God. We are unsure of their salvation.

The next Saturday we had our monthly ladies' meeting, and this time we enjoyed Christmas cookies, coffee, milk, and tamales. We had a good group of ladies, including a visitor, and enjoyed an excellent study of what Scripture teaches about Mary. Mexico City is the hub of Mary worship in this country. Though we did not intentionally plan the date this way, our ladies' meeting ended up on the holiday honoring her, when people from all over Mexico travel to Mexico City to worship at the cathedral devoted to her. What a blessing to study what the Bible says about this Godly woman who desired with her life to bring glory not to herself but to the Savior she would bring into the world.

We had a special service the Wednesday before Christmas, and it was a great blessing to see several men in the church participate in leading the rest of us in meditating on Christ and His work. We followed up the service with more cookies and more tamales.

Christmas week was memorable because of the three-day long power outage. We were very grateful to the Goldfusses for allowing us the use of some of their generator power. I think we all (maybe not Jon) jumped up and down when one of our lights switched on late Christmas afternoon.

Christmas and New Year's Day are both "rung in" here, so we had a couple of late Thursday evenings with a very kind family in the church (Morgan's parents) who invited us to their home. We enjoyed some more tamales. It was encouraging on Christmas Eve to see Morgan's father and brother wanting to take some time to have a devotional before dinner in order to witness to their unsaved relatives who were there.

At the Wednesday evening service before the New Year, we had a time of testimonies and favorite hymns. In order to request a hymn we had to give a reason from the text that we wanted to sing it. We were all very encouraged to hear well over half the adults in attendance share thoughtful testimonies of God's grace this past year.

Looking Ahead: January

School started up again on Monday for five of the Goldfuss children. We both picked up another hour of teaching each morning. Jon is teaching English for two of the kids and Andrea is teaching History for one of them. This semester will be a bit more challenging for the Goldfusses since Bekah, their teacher, returned home.

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

Since not many came to the December couples' meeting, we'll be covering the first chapter of our humility book again this month. Please pray that the families will continue to profit from the meetings.

Our Sunday evening Bible study continues to be a great encouragement. Some new people have started coming, and the whole spirit seems to be one of anticipating what God will teach us each week. Jon has just introduced the new series, which will be on Bible Doctrines. He plans to begin with the doctrine of the Bible itself. Please pray that this study would help the believers who attend and convict those who are unbelievers.

Looking Further Ahead: June

In June we plan to welcome the fourth Crocker into our home! We are thrilled with the Lord's blessing us in this way. We plan to remain here in Mexico City for the birth, so that means we will have one Mexican citizen in the family! We would appreciate your prayers for us as we prepare for the little one's arrival.

We are very grateful for the prayer support we receive from those of you who receive these updates. It is our desire that the Lord would teach us more about the spiritual discipline of prayer in this coming year.

For His Glory,
Jon, Andrea, and Paul (and one more!)