



# The Nevin Family

## Serving the Lord in Mexico



### Ministry News

October, 2008

The past few months have been busy. As we mentioned in our last update, we were planning a baptismal service. Since we are renting a building and don't have a baptismal, we went to a balneario (a place that has a pool and an area to have a picnic). We made a day of it, and had an exciting time as 14 people were baptized, including Joshua. Also, several people committed to become members of the church.



Joshua being baptized

We praise God for Salvador(photo to right), as he grows in Christ. We are really excited about his growth and potential for leadership. He called me today and prayed for us. He occasionally will teach Bible studies and takes turns in leading our Sunday service. Please pray that he will stay faithful and continue growing in Christ.

We praise the Lord for the new families that have been visiting. We have had a few new families come recently who seem to be interested in continuing .

We are still struggling to build strong families. There is so much to re-teach here because of their culture. Very few have good role models in their families, either for marriage or parenting. Chucho, a man who we had been trying to help with his marriage, decided to give up on his marriage and get a divorce. Not too long after, he changed his mind about a divorce, and now wants to stay separated for 5 years. He is making it very tough on his wife. Please pray that God would work in his heart and help him to repent. We are continuing our counseling with his wife. Another man from our church named Odin just left Mexico to go to the United States illegally. He didn't tell anyone, except his two oldest kids (not even his wife) that he was going. He's had marriage problems, and we believe he is running away from them. Please not only pray for these men, but the families they are affecting. We continue to work with two other couples and are seeing some small steps. Besides counseling, we are having a marriage class once a week. It has been well attended.

At the end of this month, we will be celebrating the church's anniversary as well as celebrating our life in Christ as Mexicans celebrate the day of the dead. The Day of the Dead is a time of great fear and superstition here. We hope to really encourage especially the new believers by reinforcing the stark contrast of the hope we have in Christ. It will also be time to start planning for our Christmas program soon which has been our most attended service over the past few years.

### Mexico News

As the economy in the U.S. has had some very hard times lately, so has Mexico. There is a saying that when the U.S. coughs, Mexico gets a cold. They are projecting tough economic times here in Mexico.

Texcoco has made national news here lately. There is a new gang here which has been kidnapping people. They do it for money, but have also been murdering the people that they kidnap.

### Family News

Susan's pregnancy is going well. Aaron Daniel could be born any day now.

Caleb has completely recovered from his hernia surgery and is back to playing on his soccer team. Josh is very excited about his new glasses that he got this week. He only needs them for reading, but he always wants to wear them. Abby is growing up. She turned 2 in September. We just need to teach her to call Bryan, "Daddy." Instead, she calls him, "Byan." She is doing well learning both English and Spanish.

### Praises

- *Caleb's recovery of surgery*
- *New people coming to church*
- *Baptisms*
- *Salvador's Growth*

### Prayer Requests

- *Susan's pregnancy*
- *Marriages in the church and community*
- *Commitment of church family*
- *Chucho and his family*
- *Odin and his family*
- *Leadership development*
- *Safety in daily living*
- *Church Anniversary and Christmas Program*

**Thank you so much for your support of the ministry in Mexico! You are an important part of our team! Thanks, Bryan, Susan, Josh, Caleb, and Abby**

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