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Dear Prayer Warriors,

Today is Monday, 4 more days to Good Friday & 6 more days to the Resurrection! Easter is drawing close & with it, it seems that the smell & atmosphere of death is forever imminent.

With only 3 months, 2010 has already been an eventful year, it started with January...

January: Celebration

The Mexico Church invited 4 brethren began with the initiation of the Mexico Church Board & the first motion from the Broad was to invite Pastor Moises as our part-time coworker. He gladly accepted the invitation & the BIG celebration were held on the 24 of Jan. With the laying on hands first on the 4 brethren, then with the Broad members together with the missionaries, there was the laying on hands for Pastor Moises & his family.

What a great moment & JOY for the Mexico Church, who had struggles for 4.5 year to this point. Yes, “流淚撒種的，必歡呼收割！” (Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy) 詩篇 Psalms 126:5. Gloria a Dios. PRAISE THE LORD & PRAY FOR THE NEW Church Board as the brethren are involved in decision making for the church.

February: Struggling in Bogota

8 of Feb, with our co-worker Yoyo Wong, we were off to Bogota, Colombia to launch the church planting ministry there. The 25 days were filled with tiring leg, laborious searching (for an apartment), weary body & almost a drained soul as waited for a telephone line/internet....As we faced the beginning of the ministry in Bogota, as expected in our mind but not easy to accept with our heart, only a handful showed up for the Bible study on Wednesday (the truth is only 1 sister attended the Bible Study). It is undemanding to attend when short term teams were here before, but now, it is weekly matter!

For the apartment, after much struggle & finally with 8 months' rent as a guarantee, God provided our coworkers with a very suitable 3BR apartment in a safe area, near grocery shopping & close to the TM bus Metro, all in HIS time. As we ready to leave for Mexico & Yoyo was all prepare to stay in Bogota until 3 of June.....PRAY FOR THE NEW WORK IN BOGOTA & our GO colleagues in Bogota.

March: The foretaste of Easter...

2 days before we were scheduled to return to Mexico, we received an email about the news of a dear brother (about my age) who passed away suddenly to be with the Lord. It was a SHOCK to the Mexico church. Although we missed the funeral & cremation, a memorial service for the family & friends to honour the deceased & comfort the family members was held. By HIS grace, over 70 attended the service. The church grieved with the family & the love, support, & care expressed from the brethren was beyond our expectation.



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Monday, 29 of March, today is our rest day, as we prepare for the mini-3 day Easter retreat. Yet an unforeseen emptiness filled my heart today as I pondered the happenings of these 3 months.....life can be so short & to be able to get up every morning is a BLESSING already!

God has given us CELEBRATION (in Jan) to prepare us for the STRUGGLE (in Feb), yet to PERSEVERE, to stick with it & not to give up in time of difficulties & uncertainties is the lesson from God in March.

PLEASE PRAY for us as life move forward with YOUR PRAYER & LOVE.

1-3, April, Mini-retreat with 35 adults plus 4 children, our Mex team will share the preaching, please pray for the 14 non-believers in our midst.

13-21 April, Newbern CAC will be our first STM team for 2010. PRAY FOR A fruitful time of encouragement & opening of hearts for mission opportunity.

Late April, there might be a possible ministry trip to Brazil as we explore new areas of ministry
9-19, May, Vancouver, BC for John's mother special Birthday celebration.

31, May – 18, June Bogota, Colombia, We will accompany our GO colleague Joyce to begin her life & ministry in Bogota. The Bridle Trail BC STM team will co-work with us there at the same time.

2-15, July Vancouver CBC STM team, PRAY FOR THE EVANGELISTIC effort of the team .

12, Sept, 5th Anniversary of the Mexico GO church

"I am the resurrection & the life," Jesus said; The path to resurrection is through DEATH & the path to life is through the continual renewal of the "resurrected" self. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYER, WHICH MAKE THE IMPOSSIBLE TO BE POSSIBLE!

Your Missionaries,
John/Karen Loh
April, 2010