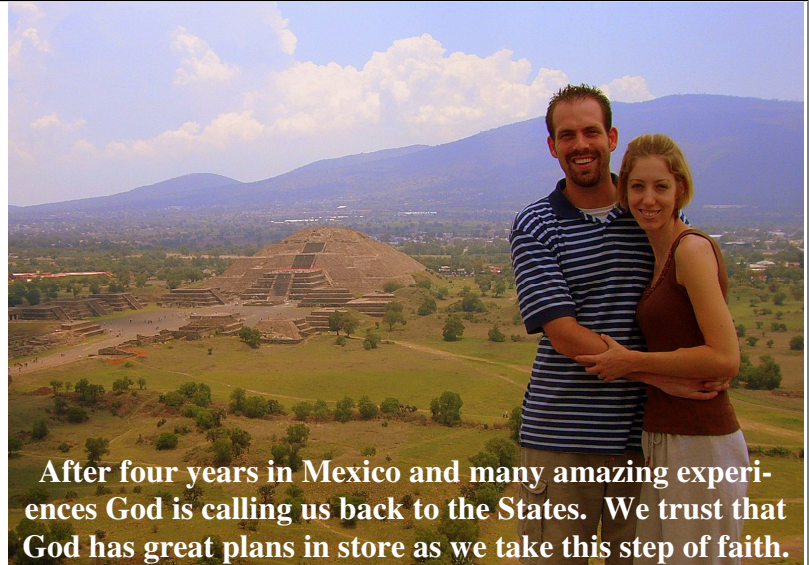




A Big Change Right Around the Corner

PAST:

4 years ago we followed God's leading to Mexico. We had many expectations and even more questions as we loaded up our Dodge Caravan and took the long journey from Wisconsin to Puebla. In these 4 years, God has blessed us with many opportunities to talk to people about Him, to help young believers grow in their faith, and train fellow laborers as they have followed God's call into a life of ministry. On top of that God blessed us with great friends, four years to grow together as a couple, and many unforgettable experiences.



PRESENT:

We find ourselves following God's leading once again, but this time back to Wisconsin. As you know DeAnn has had some serious health issues. Really her health has been the catalyst for this decision as we tried doctor after doctor and treatment after treatment here in Mexico with no result. We asked God for healing for DeAnn if it were His desire for us to continue to serve in Mexico. During our time of waiting for His answer, God was also working on our hearts and showing us more clearly how He had created us and what our passions in ministry were. As we began to contemplate this move it was very bittersweet, but what at first seemed like a gentle nudge to return to the States has increasingly felt as if God's hand were centered in our backs and pushing us along this path. While we will miss the ministry in Mexico and the friends we have made here (not to mention the best tacos you'll ever eat right down the street from our house!), we are excited to see what God has planned for us, and to be closer to family and friends again.

FUTURE:

God-willing we will be returning in the first week of September. We have received our new assignment with Campus Crusade in Madison WI, where we will be joining a team of people to reach the over 50,000 college students in the area. One of the most exciting things that has happened to us in ministry, aside from seeing people come to know Christ, is seeing people respond to the call and become laborers in the harvest field. This year we have four students from Puebla applying to do one-year internships with Crusade with an eye for full-time in the future. Praise God with us for these students. We believe they will eventually be much more effective than we ever would be at reaching Mexican college students for Christ. We also believe that God is bringing us back to the States in order to be involved in raising up laborers from among college students to go to the world.

So that is the big change right around the corner. Thank you for your prayers and your support in this time of transition. While ministry will be different once back in the States we are looking forward to many more years together!

Dan and DeAnn Gerard