



Call to Prayer



The Call Family Prayer Letter - Serving Along the U.S./Mexico Border

“Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel” - Eph 6:19

July 20, 2011

God at Work

“I don’t go to church here, but my biggest question is whether or not the Bible is really true.” These were the words of a 12 year old girl who visited Bible study. I (Ray) can tell from her questions and comments that she is beginning to think deeply about life – a good quality in a young person. She lives in the city and was invited to church by her grandmother, who is a member of the church. I can only imagine what her grandmother desires for her and for her siblings and cousins – namely, that they would come to faith in Jesus who has graciously given us mercy and forgiveness! I am glad to see that the Lord is bringing people like this young person to hear the Word of God. We know that He can open the hearts and enlighten the minds of those who hear His Word, and so we pray to that end. May we see God at work as we hope to plant churches!



Harbor Presbyterian Church Mid-City

The Bible study is the Friday night meeting of the Spanish speaking ministry through Harbor Presbyterian Church Mid-City in San Diego (PCA). They meet at a property in the inner city to come to worship the Lord together and to hear the Word of God. Since arriving here, I have visited this group as much as possible and my family and I plan to attend regularly. Harbor Mid-City desires to partner with BEAMM in planting churches in the San Diego/Tijuana area and so we will be exploring

future possibilities as the Lord leads us. This particular church has a bilingual service (English/Spanish) every Sunday morning. Please pray that the gospel will permeate the lives of those that attend as well as those who come for the first time.

New Life Presbyterian La Mesa

On the Lord’s Day we have been worshipping with New Life Presbyterian Church in La Mesa as much as possible. It has been a time of refreshment for us to sit under the preaching of the Word there and to gather together with the Lord’s people. Several people from the church are interested in how they can partner with us to do Hispanic ministries in the area. As we begin to step out in ministry, I ‘m confident we’ll be able to find ways that people can plug into what God is doing through our work. In fact, they already have many ideas that are beginning to stimulate our thoughts about what possibilities lie ahead!

Family

You may know that our brother-in-law Chad Sluder went home to glory a couple of weeks ago. He died due to complications from Cystic Fibrosis at age 38. Although we rejoice that he is enjoying the presence of his Lord, we will miss him dearly. We are especially praying for Chad’s wife (my sister Cari) and for his parents. Please join us in prayer that the God of all comfort will give them comfort and peace as they face the future.

We are extremely thankful that due to a providential act of God we were able to be with Chad and Cari the day before he went to the hospital. It was such a blessing to spend time with Chad and for him to see his nephews and nieces!



Chad and Cari Sluder

As for our immediate family, we are still adjusting to life on this side of the border. We miss Mexico and our friends in Mexicali. We also have never lived in the San Diego area and haven't been residents of California for almost ten years, so we are wading into it slowly. But God is gracious and gives to us such wonderful blessings. We see His hand at work in so many ways and give Him thanks and glory.

Connecting with Others

Due to several factors we now need to raise additional monthly financial support. Last month I was able to share about our work with 6 churches over a 5 day period in Florida. I spoke at a worship service, a Sunday School class and met with missions leaders and pastors from various cities from Orlando to Tampa. We are looking for further opportunities to share about our work and to ask others to join with us through prayer and financial support. Please consider asking your church and/or friends to meet with us over the phone, by Skype or in person as circumstances permit. We would love to share about God's work!

E4 Team

As we explained in our last letter, BEAMM is now calling their church planting teams "E4 Teams" (see Eph. 4:11-12). These teams are regional teams that will spearhead church planting in an area, while at the same time equipping others to join them and to form new teams. As we look at the daunting task of planting many new churches, we recognize the need to raise up and equip new leaders who will then spread the Word (2 Tim. 2:2).

As of now, we only have two members – the Call family and the Diaso family. Dave and Dawn Diaso will be moving to San Diego and Dave will be the team leader for our E4 team. We are looking for others who could join us full-time or part-time and trust that God will bring them along. Please be praying for Dave and Dawn. They need to raise additional support as well and also need to sell their home in Colorado Springs before transitioning to the border. Ask God to supply all their needs and to prepare them to make this grand transition back into Hispanic ministries and to life on the border!



Call Family with Dave and Dawn Diaso

Short-Term Missions Team

Please be praying for Desert Springs PCA from Tucson which will be sending a team to San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora, Mexico this August. I will be with them for the one-week mission helping coordinate. We will be doing construction and outreach. Ask God to help us in the heat (temps up to 120 degrees) and to open hearts to the gospel!

Thank you for your support!

In Christ,

*Ray & Michele, Rebecca, Jeremiah,
AnnaGrace, John, Daniel & Christina*

July/August Schedule

July 22nd – Pre-field visit to San Luis Rio Colorado in Sonora, Mexico.

July 27th to 29th – PCA Church Planting Conference in Los Angeles.

August 6th to 13th – Short-term mission to San Luis Rio Colorado with Desert Springs PCA from Tucson.

July/August Fridays – Spanish Bible study at Harbor Mid-City.