

Davidson Prayer Update
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Hello from the Borderland - El Paso, TX and Juarez, Mexico. We are thankful to God for his many provisions and blessings toward us during the past year. On Nov 1st we celebrated our one year anniversary in the city of El Paso. It has been a year full of many activities and settling into life and ministry here on the US/Mexico border.

On the Home Front:

First we want to thank God for our daughters and that they are doing well. Elise is a senior at Covenant College and doing well. Her summer internship in Ecuador went very well and she really enjoyed being in a Latin American environment for about ten weeks. She is now in the process of applying to different nursing programs to continue her studies. Anna is in her sophomore year at Samford University, but is in the process of applying to Covenant College. God willing she will be transferring in January to continue her studies. Ila is a freshman at Covenant College and has been very stretched by the challenging schedule of study and work. They still continue to adjust to living in the United States and so we would ask that you pray for them in this adjustment. Likewise, Bonita and I are doing well. We have enjoyed having the house to ourselves, but are looking forward to having the girls with us for Christmas holidays.



On the Ministry Front: Since early August I have officially begun my work with the BEAMM ministry. I still need to raise some additional financial support, but this is not my primary area of interest at this time. However we are still short \$1500/month in pledges and our support account balance has been steadily decreasing. If you are able to increase your budgeted giving in 2010 it would be greatly appreciated.

Juarez, Mexico - part of my ministry responsibilities are in the city of Juarez. The violence continues to be a concern in this city of about two million, so we continue to pray that God will bring an end to the fighting between the drug cartels and other violent acts such as extortion, kidnappings, and robberies. However, two other issues are affecting the people who live in El Paso's sister city. The economic recession has resulted in many manufacturing plants closing and the resulting loss of jobs affects many people. Likewise, the scare of the Swine Flu has greatly affected Mexican tourism. All told the city of Juarez and Mexico have been very hard hit during the past two-three years and people there are very discouraged. Pray for the three churches that collaborate with the BEAMM ministry in Juarez: Grace and Peace, Promise of Life and Frontier of Grace Presbyterian Churches. Pray that God will protect his people in the



midst of so many uncertainties and that the Holy Spirit will be actively at work in the member's lives transforming them and enabling them to live by faith in the Son of God.

The San Pablo Seminary - In August I taught a bible survey class on the Gospels and I am currently teaching a Homiletics class at the Seminary. The students in this class are seven men from three different churches in the city. They are all in the second year of the seminary's four-year program. They are eager to learn and I am eager to help them. As a teacher I feel that I am learning as well - particularly how to best organize and present the material. Also, I am learning to not go too fast. I find that I want to present more material than the students can really assimilate. Since these students are all full time employees, and husbands and fathers, and elders or otherwise active in their local church they have plenty to do. Therefore it is a great commitment of time and energy to come three nights a week, from 7-10 p.m. to attend class. I would ask for your prayers for them. Their names are: Baltazar, Manuel, Martel, Alcides, Hector, Eliezer, Fernando.

Training in the USA - There is still a great deal that can be developed on the U.S. side of the border in relationship to training. One option here in the El Paso area is a program called LAMP, which is organized by the University Presbyterian Church in Las Cruces, NM. LAMP is a graduate level seminary program that has been approved by the PCA's MNA committee for training of men for ordination. God willing, classes will begin again at the church in Las Cruces in January and by God's grace I can be used to help begin classes here in El Paso. I have approached one potential student who lives here in El Paso, and would like to find two-three more who would be interested in studying. So I would ask you to pray with me for this development.

BEAMM Leadership Retreat - From December 15-18, the three BEAMM regional directors, Aaron Zapata, Gene Bowman - BEAMM's coordinator, Manuel Padilla and I will be taking a three-day retreat up in the mountains of southern New Mexico. Our purpose is to pray and think through the vision and goals that BEAMM has established with a goal of redefining what it is that we can do best to promote the extension of Christ's Kingdom in the Border Region. The size and scope of the border is in itself an overwhelming reality. How do we work miles apart in different circumstances and at the same time maintain a sense of unity? I believe that this meeting - which will probably be one of several meetings over the next few months, can be a key to how we seek to establish our training programs.

Again, thank you for your prayers. It is greatly appreciated. We cannot be here and be effective without your prayer support.

Key Prayer Needs:

- ❖ Wisdom to teach well at the San Pablo Seminary in Juarez, MX.
- ❖ God to bring an end to the violence in Juarez.
- ❖ For my participation in the LAMP study program - El Paso, TX/ Las Cruces, NM
- ❖ For God to lead us to workers for his harvest. Men called to minister the gospel on both sides of this border region.
- ❖ For the BEAMM Leadership retreat December 15-18th.
- ❖ For our financial support - we still need about \$1500/month in additional pledges.