

Summer
2010

BAJA GRACIA

{ For you are not under law but under grace. Romans 6:14 }



Dear Ministry Partners,

In my email update in June and on my blog (bajalagracia.blogspot.com), I wrote about a **Timothy Leadership Training** (timothyleadershiptraining.org) (TLT) seminar directed at training pastors and church leaders how to do important and practical things that every church should be doing in some form, such as visitation, Biblical preaching, teaching the Christian faith, etc. However, these things are poorly attended to when there is a lack of trained and capable people to do them. Many times, pastors and church leaders have difficulty translating the academic training that they have had into a practical ‘real-world’ how-do-I-actually-do-this game plan. That is the hurdle

Idioms I Like

Zapatero a tus zapatos

Literally: Cobbler to your shoes

Meaning: Mind your own business

that TLT attempts to leap. May’s event was my first real exposure to TLT. A lynchpin for the program’s success is the required follow-through by attendees in their own personal development through the training of others in their churches and thus themselves. Free downloadable materials are provided for this process.

I focused my attention on three churches/missions which are all overseen by Pastor Francisco Juachin. This includes the mission I attend, Monte Horeb. The first training had 25 persons from these three churches in attendance and was a success. They have formed

small groups and are faithfully completing their visitation ‘lessons’ which is to pray for and to visit inactive members/attenders. As this progresses each week, I see and hear the results of the Holy Spirit moving among our congregation. There is a subtle but very real joy as the teams faithfully serve the Lord and others. Pray that each group would remain faithful to complete their assignments and attend the monthly training sessions each month until February. Pray that they would continue with this effort.



Pastors and leaders learn ministry techniques in Timothy Leadership Training (top), put them into practice during class time (middle), and later enjoy fellowship and a group photo (bottom).

Summer Teams

The Roe family enjoyed a treat this summer as our home church in Winter Haven, FL sent its first short term team to Tijuana. The team led a community outreach every evening at the church. We offered a Bible class for children and a movie series for adults.

We have seen seven new individuals attending church for the last three weeks as a result of these activities. During the mornings and early afternoons, we sheet-rocked a three-room 'mini-hospital' at the indigent elderly group home, El Refugio. In addition we provided many hours of personal care (baths, haircuts, manicures, pedicures, massages, a cold cup of water and listening ears, just to name a few), and plenty of deep-cleaning chores to assist the volunteer staff.

El Refugio provides a home to over 100 persons and is staffed by a handful of volunteers, some of whom live on site and receive free room and board but no cash remuneration. In the context of Tijuana, this ministry provides a home for those who would otherwise be in the street or worse. Living there is simple and sparse.

We praise God for our short term workers and for how God works through them!



Clockwise from top-right: Team member and Monte Horeb church members work together on mini hospital; making new little friends at orphanage; washing feet at El Refugio; making new friends during Monte Horeb VBS; Pastor Jesús and Frank, director and assistant director of El Refugio, admire near-finished mini-hospital; kids at play for VBS at Monte Horeb; 2 team members talk with resident of El Refugio; temporary barber shop for residents of El Refugio.



Roe family update

Our normal summer routine involves renewing our visa for residency in Mexico. This year's process required these little "mug-shot" photos as Mexico began issuing a visa card (not the kind you can shop with) rather than the visa booklet we've faithfully carried for four years.

Idioms I Like

Hecho y derecho

Literally: Mature and straight

Meaning: Honorable

The summer of 2010 will be remembered by our family as "health summer". Amid the normal run-of-the-mill health cycle for a family of seven, we 'enjoyed' an extra dose of dental work (two crowns for Patti, wisdom teeth extraction for Stephen, and removal of Abby's braces-yeh!). Then came the chickenpox — in series over a six week period.

This summer, we increased our family by three (dogs, that is). Julia adopted two puppies

and their mother from the street.

After several trips to the vet and a good bath,

we now call Mittens, Rosie, and Posie our own.

In mid-October, we will attend a once-every-four-years retreat for MTW missionaries from all of Latin America.

We look forward to meeting fellow workers from Mexico and beyond and hearing how God is working through them in their respective fields.

Idioms I Like

Por si las moscas

Literally: For if the flies

Meaning: Just in case



Joshua and Julia with Mittens, Posie, and Rosie (clockwise from top-left)

PRAY

- Pray for continued leadership development through the TLT program.
- Pray for staff and residents at El Refugio home for indigent elderly.
 - Pray for Roe family health and for financial support .
 - Pray for safety of our home while we're away on HMA.

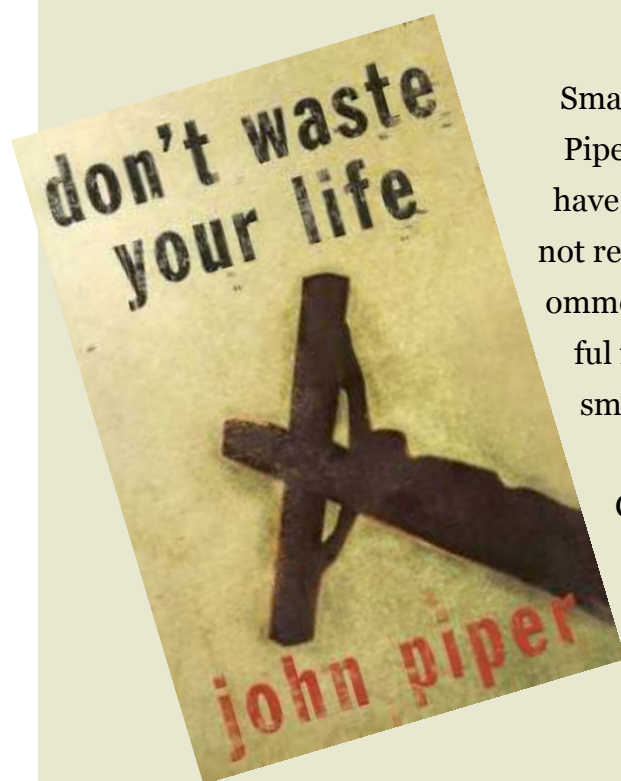
We have a Mexican seminary student, Erik, who will be staying there and working on his thesis.
 - Praise for short term teams who minister with us.
- Pray for more team members in Tijuana. Biggest need: evangelist/church-planter.
- Pray for health and ministry of Pedro Martinez (see blog for details)
- Pray for Hector Garcia and his continued growth as new leader at Monte Horeb.

Idioms I Like

El que paga manda

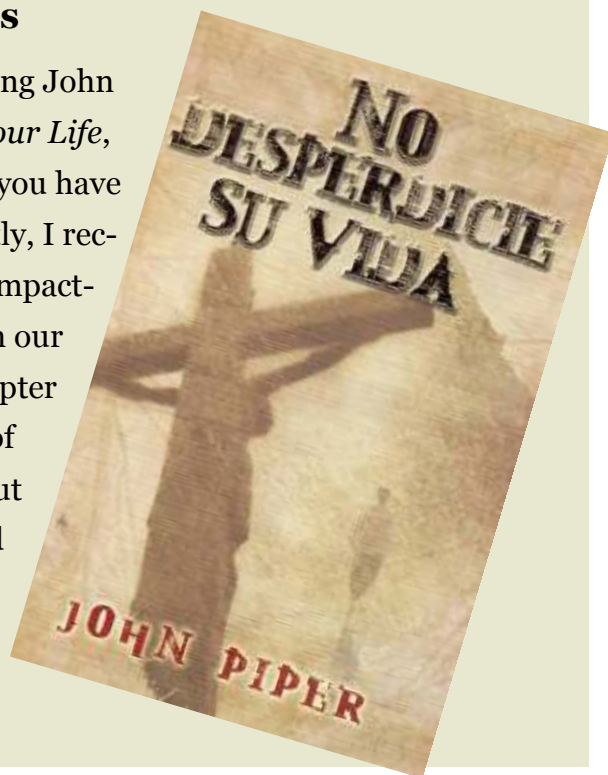
Literally: He who pays, commands

Meaning: Self explanatory



Small groups

Small group studies using John Piper's, *Don't Waste Your Life*, have challenged me. If you have not read this book recently, I recommend it. Especially impactful for me and many in our small groups, was chapter 8, "Making Much of Christ from 8-5", but you'll need to read the whole book – it's a must read on my list.



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