

# Crecimiento

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## *Those dog days...*

I love 'em, I don't know about you! Hi, I hope this letter finds you well my friends. Believe it or not, it has been a year since I left the dog days of southern Indiana, and now I have returned from a wonderful year in Mexico. I am now staying with my parents in North Carolina for the transition time back into our good 'ol USA. We just returned from a camping trip during the Fourth of July weekend in the green and beautiful western Carolina Mountains. God's hand in creation will never cease to amaze me!

## **A year in review...**

I figure that the best way to help you see what happened this past year would be to let you see some of it at a glance, through photography. So, here are some pictures, with captions, of some of the folks I had the privilege of sharing this past year with. This picture portrays David and Veronica Rodriguez with



their children, Pablo, Cristina, Berenice, and their newborn, Joel. Pablo is sporting his new 2000 verse T-shirt!

This next picture carries a viewer discretion advisory with Carlos in his underpants



at the pool! He shares the spotlight with Israel...

As I try and process what happened in my life this past year, it's hard to grasp all that God did in one letter. I know one of the main areas of growth for me was realizing that God's church stretches far beyond the borders of the United States. Jesus' Church is a universal church, and He is not an American. I had to wrestle with some of the things I believed about being a Christian, some of these things stemming from growing up in my own cultural Christianity.

If I were to sum up my experience, I would say it has been both good and hard. Good because I grew as a Christian, and hard, because, frankly, missions can be

pretty intense. As far as what I saw God do, well, he is changing lives in Fresnillo. Take Gerry and Olga for example. Catholics by tradition, witnessed their daughter Liz go to Club against their will, and come to Christ, and loved going to church. Olga soon started going, to see why it was her daughter was so insistent. Soon after, Olga came to Christ. Then, her husband Gerry, a heavy drinker, came to the church drunk, just to see what it was his wife was up to at this new church. Then, as a result of the Holy Spirit's work, and Pastor Doug Jones' ministry with the men, Gerry came to Christ. Soon later, his two younger daughters began going, with the same result. Here is a picture of Gerry and Olga's family! They are an integral part of the church in Fresnillo today.



I want to thank all of you who have so faithfully given to God's ministry here in Fresnillo. Before I left, I had a self-centered view on what would happen here. But, truthfully, I think I received more from the Mexican people than they received from me! Thanks for your prayers and financial support.

I want you to know that I am looking forward with much excitement at the next step in my life. I hope to see you soon. I plan on continuing this letter, though it will be from stateside, to keep you posted on the latest news!

**Note:** I have not fulfilled my support goal as of yet. I can still receive moneys until the 31<sup>st</sup> of July. If you feel led, and would

like to give, please send a check to:

Mary Dorsett  
702 Howard St.  
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**(Note:** please write my name on the memo line.)

With sincere thanks and love in Christ,

Romans 10:15, "As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"



From left: Saira, Lalo, Sandra, Liz, Sarai, Gerry, and Olga.

It's an amazing thing to see a kid growing up in a Christian home in Mexico, considering it is almost entirely Catholic. That's the story with Omar. This kid is simply awesome. I really enjoyed getting to know him and his family. Omar is 10 years old, and what does he want to do when he grows up? He wants to be a missionary to the United States! Aside from his normal schooling, he is learning English from some career missionaries in his hometown. Here are Omar and I in his house, where I just got finished eating some really good goat meat soup!