

*I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."*

*Psalm 16:2 (ESV)*

## Tanks and Teams

What a great time! We had a work team join us from Tabernacle Baptist Church in Newport News, VA, to work on tanks in a barrio, Nueva Reforma, near the new trash dump. The team made five tanks, did door-to-door evangelism and helped with Kids' Club one Friday afternoon. In coordination with the local Baptist church, they helped plant the seeds for a new mission in that area.



## Equip Mexico A.C.

All of our months of waiting on the Equip Mexico land title are over, though not as we ever imagined. The land donation to Equip Mexico has been revoked, and we will not be able to get the land titled. It is a complicated situation to explain clearly. The simplified explanation is that the donation by the mayor of Comitán was illegal and had to be revoked.

He had no authority to donate that piece of land to any non-profit as it is classified as "green space" for the barrio. We received the news at the end of July, and Tom has been dismantling buildings and moving tools, etc., to our house again. The walls and fill will be left for the barrio to use as a play area for kids.



## Prayer & Praise

- Our Tahoe is currently being treated for a series of problems, including the transmission. Pray for us for wisdom regarding transportation.
- Praise that the Lord protected us from car troubles while ferrying the team around and in our travels home from the US. If we are going to have troubles, better here at home!



## **Prayer Requests continued...**

- Tuesdays and Thursday evenings Nancy has a group of ladies in the barrio meeting for Spanish literacy classes. Please pray for them, as they learn to read their own Bibles. Attendance varies between 7-9 ladies. If everyone came consistently, we would have a group of 15.
- David, our oldest, is currently in the midst of trying to determine what to do about college and SAT tests. Please pray for him and for us as we look for the Lord's guidance in our busy schedules to think towards next year and plan for this very important step in his life. He needs to make some decisions soon about where to attend school so that when he takes his SAT, his scores can be sent to there.
- Praise: We have been in contact with Mexican migration and will be changing our old visa booklets for new credit-card-sized credentials. This will make traveling in and out of Mexico easier. We also learned that the boys will not have to do the visa process over when they turn 18 if they wish to stay in Mexico; they will only need to update their credential so that it has a current picture of them.
- Land travel in northern Mexico has become increasingly more dangerous. Pray for wisdom for us as we consider next year's trip to the US to take David to school; whether to fly or drive. While on our way home this year, the Lord protected us as we went through the San Fernando area where drug gangs were setting up road blocks on the northbound side of the road. Two days after we passed them setting up, they killed a gubernatorial candidate as he headed north on that road.
- Our pastor, Miguel Angel, recently resigned from our church due to conflicts within the church. Pray for the churches in Mexico; false teachings, internal conflicts and power struggles are making too many of them ineffective. Tom and Miguel Angel are working together to write up Biblical teaching materials that can be used by pastors or church elders to combat false teachings that are creeping into the churches here.
- Continue to pray for our boys as they home school, that they may be motivated to excellence in their studies, self-disciplined in their use of time, and always grateful for the Lord's provision in their lives.

## **Final Note**

As always, we thank the Lord for each and every one of you! You are our encouragement, our support and prayer partners. Thank you for your shared part in our ministry. We know that times are stressful and hard for everyone these days, and we pray that the Lord will be strengthening you all at home, too. May all our breath and work be only for His glory and praise!

Apart from Him we have nothing good!

Tom, Nancy, David and Joe Rach