

Like cold water to the weary soul is good news from a distant land.

Proverbs 25:5

A CUP OF COLD WATER FOR YOU...

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From Chris & Kathy...



Dear friends,

We hope this email finds you and your family well and enjoying the beginning of summer! It has been TOO long since our last update and we have SO much to tell you. Exciting, God-ordained things! We thank you for your financial and prayer support in His work here. Be encouraged as you read!

Want to know more details about the family & pics of the kids?

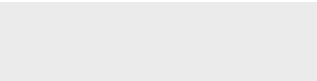
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New contacts to bring the City of Refuge dream into reality!

Last Friday Iran (who donated the land for the City of Refuge) invited us to a party in one of the wealthiest areas of Mexico City. There were ambassadors from several countries, Interpol leaders, a son of newspaper moguls, and many more. Do we sound a bit out of our element? Well, we were except that these are all people Iran has grown up with and one was celebrating a birthday, complete with

-A reliable vehicle for us.
Our budget is \$2,000 USD so if you hear of unbelievable deal for a family of 5, please let us know! Our beloved minivan is near death's door. We know the economy is terrible, but we also know God is bigger and unrestrained by that detail.

-Abram, Cristina and their 2 girls will be spending 1 year in the USA. Pray for them in transition and new leaders of the youth and worship.



Mariachi's. What was super clear was how God keeps showing us that the City of Refuge is NOT our vision, but His and HE is bringing the people, resources and pieces together in HIS time. One of the above mentioned people has great interest in helping out with our center for addictions and about Jesus, another has a heart for the orphans, someone else for the abused women.

Living water comes to the neighborhood of "Agua Bendita", which means 'Blessed Water'



A couple of months ago several of the youth in our church came to the leadership to ask for help in rebuilding a house that burned down in December in a neighborhood called "Agua Bendita". We were shocked when we got there. The sticks you see to the left are the frame of the house we built, just like the old house was. Then cardboard was nailed to the

outside and roof. The picture below was their kitchen. Here's the kicker: TWELVE PEOPLE were living in TWO small rooms like this!!

They also had NO running water in this whole neighborhood. Our alderman, Gonzalo, a graduate of our Center for Church Planting, made the needed 'arrangements' with the head of the water company, and these people will have running water this month for the first time EVER! They are now open to some people from church doing a literacy program and



Bible Study. Isn't it ironic the name of this neighborhood is BLESSED WATER?



A hunger to know God and be healthy and whole

On Wednesday, May 27th, 35 women finished up the 14 weeks we of Beth Moore's study through the book of Daniel. It was a great, and profound study for these ladies and we are so proud of how many stuck with it. We are hoping to do "Captivating" next!

The men continue doing "Men's Fraternity" and many are identifying wounds, hidden sin, and finding wholeness and peace in Christ and this community of men.

In the fall, we will be doing "Fireproof" with the couples of our church and opening it to the community!

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