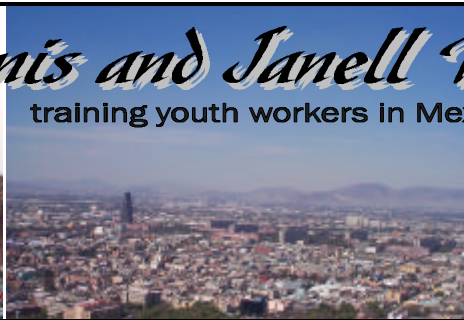


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While we have received 100% of our monthly pledges, we still have some needs in our outgoing expense account. If you would like to donate a special gift to help with some of the set-up and moving costs, please send in the enclosed form. Any help is greatly appreciated.

AND NOW IT'S TIME...

...To say goodbye....We can't believe it! The time is finally here! **We are moving to Mexico on August 27.**

The road has been long, and the journey is just beginning. We are excited to announce to you all that God has been faithful to provide enough of the needed finances for us to buy our plane tickets to Mexico City. We could not have made it this far without your faithfulness in praying for us. Many of you have struggled with us, reading every news item and providing both prayer and financial support. For that, we thank you. The dream is finally becoming a reality.

We want to express our sincere appreciation to all of you who are a part of our team by praying, giving, or helping in any way. Your affirmation of God's call for us has been an encouragement more than you can imagine. We truly appreciate everything that you have done for us these last

few years as we have been striving to serve God. Please continue in those acts for us, as we are sure to face discouraging and lonely days ahead. We know that our God is with us, and He is faithful to complete the work He has begun.

We know the work is only beginning. There is a lot of work left to be done. There are many more steps to take. We know that the God who has been so faithful so far will continue to be faithful to us, and we want to bring you with us. We want you to keep up to date with everything that is happening in our lives, as God continues to work in us and through us. Please keep up to date with everything by following our daily lives online at www.ymimexico.org.

You will be able to download our newsletters in color and look at pictures from our life and work there.



CUERNAVACA—THE CITY OF THE ETERNAL SPRING

Cuernavaca is the capital and largest city in the state of Morelos, about an hour south of Mexico City. With a population of around 1 million, it will make a great place for us to learn and practice Spanish. We will be studying at the Cuauhnahuac language institute in this beautiful city. They have been teaching Spanish for more than 30 years, and the program we will be taking has 6 hours of Spanish grammar and conversation each day. While attending this language



school, we will live with a school selected Mexican family, where we will have plenty of opportunities to practice and listen to even more Spanish. We will spend the weekends learning more about the culture as well as looking for our own place to live in Mexico

City after school. It is extremely important that we learn Spanish in order to live and work in Mexico. Please pray for us during this intense time of language learning.



The Convention was held at the Metropolitan Theater in downtown Mexico City.

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*- Russell Herrington,
Academic Dean of the
Baptist Theological
Seminary in Mexico City.*

"CENTENARIO"

"I just couldn't imagine the week going any better than it has," said Russell Herrington, the academic dean of the seminary in Mexico City.

In case you missed it, Dennis and Randy Smith, the president of YMI, had the opportunity to attend the 100th anniversary of the Mexican National Baptist Convention ("Centenario" in Spanish). There



Dennis with Pastor Gutierrez, his wife, and Randy Smith. Pastor Gutierrez is the president of the Mexican National Baptist Convention.

were over 600 people in attendance for the week-long convention, and we had the opportunity to share with them about a new program in youth ministry at the seminary. It was a great opportunity for us as we met with many pastors and interested students throughout the week.

I delivered our visa paperwork, saw many old friends, met many new friends, visited our future language school, attended two new churches, and promoted the brand new 34 credit hour youth ministry major that begins in September of 2004. We had many students looking to sign up for the program now. There is a lot of excitement about youth ministry training in Mexico, and we are excited to be moving there this month to continue the work God has given us to do.

PLEASE PRAY

Thank you so much for your continued prayers for us and this ministry. Some specific items to be praying for this month are:

- ✝ That our visas will arrive before we move.
- ✝ For continued financial and prayer support.
- ✝ For our family as we prepare to move away from their geographical closeness.
- ✝ That we will be able to learn Spanish quickly and function effectively in a new environment.
- ✝ That our own spiritual life will thrive during this stressful and event-filled period of life.
- ✝ That the young people of Mexico will turn their hearts to a relationship with Jesus.

THE NEXT FEW MONTHS

We are trusting God to direct our steps in the next few months, and are asking Him to show us His plans for what we should do. We are excited and believe that He has given us an idea of what's in store for us, and we'd like to pass it on to you so you can be aware of what we hope to see accomplished in the next few months.

August—Finish packing and preparations for moving to Mexico at the end of August. We drive to Miami on August 26 and fly out on August 27.

September, October, and November—Spend these months in language school in Cuernavaca, living with a Mexican family and beginning to learn the language and culture of Mexico. On the weekends, we will travel to Mexico City to begin looking for a more permanent place to live.

December—Move to Mexico City and begin building relationships with those around us while we continue to learn Spanish.

January—Begin preparations for the Center for Youth Ministry at the seminary.