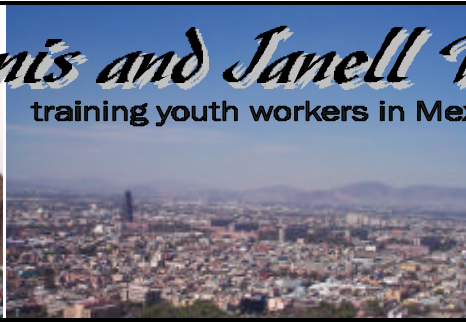




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## CENTER FOR YOUTH MINISTRY

A lot has been happening at the Center for Youth Ministry at the Mexico Baptist Theological Seminary. Everyday that the students come into class, they tell me something new that they noticed in their Christian Service work. Every youth ministry student must be working in a local church youth ministry during the time that they are taking the class. This provides them opportunities to put into practice the things they are learning in the classroom and receive hands-on experience in youth ministry.

We are currently in a class entitled "Programs in Youth Ministry." The students are in the middle of an enormous project in which they are planning a year of programming for a youth ministry. When they are finished, they will have a project that is more than 60 pages long, and they will have learned how to effectively plan a calendar of events that will lead young people toward spiritual maturity.

Last week, they entered into the classroom, talking about what they are learning, and they told me that every seminary student would benefit from taking a class like "Programs in Youth Ministry." They constantly are talking about how much they are learning. They are a great group of guys, and I am privileged to teach them.

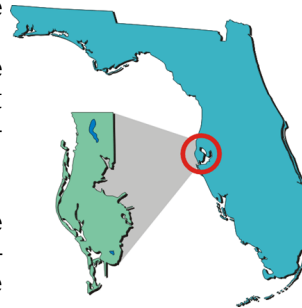
The guys have also agreed to meet with me on Saturday mornings (at Starbucks) to take Programs in Youth Ministry 2, the class that is scheduled for the 4th quarter of the year. Since Janell and I are leaving early, we are giving this class in advance.

We received a new student in youth ministry in January. Her name is Diana, and she is a returning student to the seminary. She is currently taking the Introduction to Youth Ministry class independently and will join the guys in classes in August.



## SUMMER IN FLORIDA...

Can you believe it...we have already been here for almost 2 years! In May Dennis will be done teaching his first year at the seminary. A lot has happened and changed during this time which makes it necessary for us to come home for the summer. We will arrive in Florida May 28. During this time we will speak at churches and with our friends and family about what is going on in Mexico. We will also use this time to increase our prayer and financial support. We



will be in Florida most of the time between April and July. We are currently looking for a place to live and a car to drive during this time. It is a little difficult because we will only be there for 3 or 4 months. If you know of anyone who is willing to rent to us for just 4 months or has a house vacant during the summer, please let us know. We have lots of experience house-sitting. We are also looking forward to seeing you all and meeting new people.

## BABY UPDATE—IT'S A BOY!

We went to the doctor in January and found out we are having a boy! We do realize that sometimes ultrasounds can be wrong, but we are pretty sure he wanted is to know he is a boy. During the ultrasound the doctor was able to see that everything is progressing perfectly. He even said, according to the size of his leg bone, that he was tall for his age. Maybe he'll play basketball. We were able to see the side view of his head and see him sucking. It is really amazing how much he grows from week to week.

It is so exciting planning for a new baby. There is so much to read and do before he gets here. His expected date of arrival is May 14, so we'll be going back to Florida in early April to get settled into things there and be prepared for the big day.

We went back to the doctor on February 21 and will be getting a 3-D ultrasound in the next few weeks to check on his growth



and development. Obviously, as new parents-to-be, we are nervous about a lot of things. Please pray for the health of the baby and for us as we await his arrival.

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## 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:

- ✝ For the health of Janell and our baby boy.
- ✝ For housing and a car to be provided during our time in Florida.
- ✝ For churches and individuals to speak with about the ministry in Mexico.
- ✝ For the end of the first year at the

seminary. That God would bring us many new students next year.

- ✝ For the youth ministry and leadership team at Dios Es Amor as we continue to develop it into a ministry that will honor God.
- ✝ For Rigo, Israel, Huberto, and Diana as they continue their studies in youth ministry and work at their church sites.
- ✝ For safety as we return to Florida.

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## LOCAL CHURCH

The youth ministry at Dios Es Amor keeps progressing. We have seen many new young people begin attending the youth meeting, and we are developing a leadership team to help guide the direction of the ministry. Israel and Rigo are doing a great job working with the young people of the church, which is a requirement for their classes. They have been really good at developing relationships, helping with plans, and encouraging the young people of the church.

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## TRIP TO MAZATLAN

March 18-21, Dennis will be going to Mazatlán, Mexico to give a workshop at a national youth ministry leadership week-end retreat. Most of the people there will be leaders in the youth groups of Baptist churches from all over the country. Please pray for this time as Dennis has the opportunity to share with them the vision for youth ministry and about the seminary program. Pray that God will send some of those young people to the seminary to be trained in youth ministry.