



The Smith Connection

The New Birth Bible Church

Even though the church went through some difficult times during our time in the US, we praise God that He has continued to work in the lives of the believers and has stretched them in their faith. The church is His, and He has kept it and caused it to continue developing for His glory.

In returning to Mexico, we have returned to the same church with the goal of continuing to develop the leadership. We are currently serving as coordinators in the areas of Sunday School and Worship, and Bryan has been preaching once a month. We are also involved in individual and family Bible studies, as well as discipling, and counseling opportunities.

In conjunction with the other church leaders, we have set two main objectives for 2008 – evangelism and edification. We trust that these objectives will allow us to see a stronger body of believers that is reaching out to the surrounding community with the Gospel message. This then could form the beginnings of a future new church plant.

We covet your prayers as we work with and encourage our brothers and sisters here in Querétaro, Mexico. There are so many needs around us!



Before



After

We praise God for the house he provided for us upon our return to Mexico earlier this year. It was evident that many people had been praying for the right house for us. After about a week of hunting we found this house which has the space we need for our lives and ministry. The owner has been great to work with, gave us an excellent rent price, and even agreed to pay for the house to be re-painted inside and out!

We also praise God that our house is in a friendly and quiet neighborhood where we have been able to get to know some of our neighbors and are looking forward to opportunities to share Christ with them. We have plans to invite them into our home around this Holiday season. Please pray that God would work in our neighbors' hearts.

You can view more pictures of our new home on our website – www.smithconnection.com

Circuit Leadership: In returning to Mexico we have taken on the responsibility of leading the missionaries in our Bajío area. Through this ministry God has given us opportunities to put into practice our administration and organizational gifts/skills, as well as to grow and stretch in other areas. This new ministry has increased the travel we do. Bryan also now forms part of the field leadership as part of the field council. It has been a joy to work with such a great team of missionaries and get to know the national church leaders in our area better as well. Please pray for wisdom in all situations and safety in our increased traveling.

A Need

We praise the Lord for the increased support He provided for us while we were on our home assignment. We saw His provisions for us in SO many ways. One area we did not anticipate being so expensive was our ministry expenses upon our return – including our increased travel expenses and religious worker visas. Please pray with us about this need, and if the Lord leads you to send a one time gift to help us with our ministry expenses you can use the enclosed envelope and send a check made out to CAM International with “Bryan & Lori Smith MEA” on the memo line. **THANK YOU!**

As we celebrate our Lord's birth, let us make sure that those around us have the blessed hope that we have through Christ Jesus! We have a great privilege and responsibility as God's children to spread His light to a dark world. Thank you for your partnership with us as we shine together for Him in Mexico!



Have a Blessed Holiday,
Bryan, Lori, Kendra, Tara, & Benjamin



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