



December 2009

# The Smith Connection

Merry Christmas!

## Margarita's Book Bonfire

*And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and began burning them in the sight of everyone: ... So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing. Acts 19:19-20*

We **praise God** for what He is doing in and through Margarita's life. We had the privilege of leading her to Christ about six years ago. Since then she has had her ups and downs like we all do, but lately she has been excited to grow in her faith. Recently she shared with us that she wanted to burn the many books, CD's, DVD's, and other items that she had from her life before Christ. Before she came to Christ she had been searching for the truth for about 18 years, and had tried everything from Buddhism to Scientology. She was tempted to sell all the items she had collected in the different religions over the years, but decided she did not want to contaminate others.



As the passage above states, we too see the Word of the Lord growing mightily and prevailing in and through her life. She is excited for God to use her in whatever way He chooses. **Please pray** for Margarita.



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## Leadership Training

We **praise God** for Gerardo, Luis, Cesar, and Jose Luis and their families. Bryan has greatly enjoyed the opportunity to train and disciple these guys in two small study groups of two men each. It is exciting to watch them grow and learn! They recently finished their course on homiletics and each preached a mini sermon for evaluation (Pictured above). By the end of the year they will have completed courses in Hermeneutics, OT and NT Survey, Homiletics, and Pastoral Ministry - about the halfway mark for the program.

Beyond the head knowledge we are most excited to have opportunities for deeper discipleship and mutual accountability in these study groups. **Please pray** for these men and their families as they continue to study and serve in the church.



**Our new prayer card is enclosed. Thanks for your continued prayers for us!**

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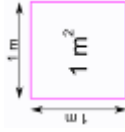
~ We send out regular e-mail prayer updates. Please let us know if you would like to be added to our list. ~



## Family

We **praise God** for our children and the way they are growing.

Kendra, Tara, and Ben are homeschooling this year. They are also all enjoying swimming lessons and the girls are taking piano lessons from a fellow MK here in Queretaro. We **praise God** for the health, safety, and provision that He has given us this year.



## Square Meters for Christ

We **praise God** for an opportunity to purchase the property that the New Birth Bible Church and Community Center has been renting for the past year and a half. The location and size of the property are perfect for many years of growth and outreach into the community.

Your gift of \$350 will purchase one square meter of this property for the glory of Christ and the expansion of His work in Mexico. Please see the response card we have included for you and **pray about it.**



Thank you!