

BORDER CROSSINGS

Christmas 2009



The Schierkolks



Jerez, Mexico

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12 (ESV)

Aracely was anxious to talk to us after we returned from our deputation to the USA. They had recently moved into a different rented house near where we have our Tuesday Kid's Club. One of the first weeks we were back she waited to tell us some news after the club while her little son finished up his classes. She was in the middle of explaining how they had been seeing images in the house, hearing noises and seeing things moving when all of a sudden her son, Pepe, ran up and exclaimed, "We have an evil spirit in our house!" His mom continued to explain that these apparitions and unexplained happenings occurred on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays and that her husband was scared and wanted to move.



The next Sunday I went over to visit them and got more details. Toys were being played with and moving around inside bags in which they were stored. A toy car their son rode on would move across the room by itself.

They found a neighbor who used to live in the house that confirmed the strange occurrences. So together we went into the room where most of the appearances were taking place and, since there was no manifestation of anything relating to this spirit at the moment, had a time of prayer together calling on God the Father of our Savior who was crucified, shed His blood and rose from the grave to redeem us from the power of the devil and death. We asked God, for the sake of those in this home who loved Him and walked with Him and served Jesus as their King, to send this evil spirit to hell where it belonged. After this time of prayer and worship ended I left for home.

The next Tuesday rolled around and I was interested to hear if anything had happened that day at their house. Aracely told me they hadn't been home since early that morning but that one significant thing had indeed taken place . . . her husband wasn't afraid anymore. Now he could get up in the night to get a glass of water. We saw them again on Sunday and Aracely told me with a big smile on her face that they'd had no appearances of the spirit at all. We praised our great and powerful King for His love and faithfulness to this family. Light had come into a dark place.



Life in our house this year continues to be busy with homeschooling. Rachel is a senior this year and getting ready to head off to school next year. Megan is a sophomore and has had a lot of fun doing well in chemistry. Kirstie also seems to like math and science. Amazing considering that math and science aren't their parents' forte. Barb and Todd celebrated their 20th anniversary this past summer while on deputation in the US. We are grateful for the ministry to kids in the two Kid's Clubs and the older kids in the Jr. Youth Group. We're thankful for the church here in Jerez as well and for the ways God is working in the lives of the people. We're also thankful to have Ingrid Giles as well as Dan and Marcela Giles working with us as a Short-Term Assistants.



We hope this year is filled with the blessings of Light from above for you. Have a wonderful Christmas!

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