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the GODARD *family*

Family Ministry News:

Trever is teaching an Evangelism course at the newly formed Ministry Training School. Two, six-week courses are taught every Saturday morning, with 10 students. Our RETO Church vision is to train and equip people for the works of service that God has already planned in advance for them.

Last month Kenia had the privilege of praying with Christina (a 17 year old youth who lives on the same street as the RETO Church), to take her first steps of faith in asking Jesus to fill her with His life. Please pray that her first love for Jesus would become a lasting, solid love.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY

Trever, Joan and Kenia Godard
in Guadalajara, Mexico

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Dear Friends

"And I'm still applied to what you are - And I'm still joining all my thoughts to you - And I'm preparing every part for you." "All the Trees of the field Will Clap Their Hands" by Sufjan Stevens

On Sunday afternoons I (Joan) lead a young adults study. We are looking at what it means to practice being authentic followers of Jesus through the spiritual disciplines. Some are honest enough to admit that it is uncomfortable to sit in silence before God or allow the Spirit of God to examine their hearts. I think we all want to hear God speak to us, but not all of us want to obey what He says. Are you still applied to Jesus? Are your thoughts joined to His thoughts? Have you prepared every part of your mind, body & spirit to obey Him?

November is the beginning of the dry season for our part of the continent with cooler temperatures and even a few colored leaves falling to the ground. The weather or unheated pool didn't deter our church community from gathering last Sunday for another baptism and

Matthew Training Center Update

Our MTC students, Stacy, Greg & Karmen are being stretched in their new ministry roles in the three areas of the city where they live. Please pray for them to be confident that the "presencia y palabras" (presence and words) of Jesus in them will be effective in drawing people to Him. They are all great examples to their host families of graciousness, kindness and love.

potluck though! We had an emotional time of celebration with the 8 new believers that took this step of obedience.

Fher and her younger brother Pedro have lived with their grandparents since their parent's divorce several years ago. Pedro and some cousins invited Fher along to one of the Sports Camps that we hosted at the RETO Church three summers ago. At Sports Camp last summer she decided to give her life over to Jesus. In this past year Fher has grown so much in knowledge and obedience to Jesus. She participates in anything that will grow her relationship with her Father- even prayer nights with a handful of older adults! As a result of the transformation in her life, her extended family is beginning to pay attention to Jesus. 11 of them witnessed Fher's baptism and spent the afternoon with the RETO Church family!

For the 2nd time in a few months, an entire family was baptized together! The Batuns are from a city in a neighboring state, about 2 1/2hrs from GDL. The parents, Oscar & Gaby began following Jesus several months ago when Enrique & Manuela, former pastors in GDL, shared Jesus with them. Soon after their 3 sons began a relationship with Him. We, along with several others from the RETO Church, have been going out to study the Bible with them on Monday evenings. As a family they live a bold new faith among their neighbors, friends and work colleagues and we are all praying that a new church will be planted in La Piedad in the near future.

Leobardo & Tania started going to a RETO home group in their neighborhood about a year ago. They both come from very religious families who don't understand the need they felt to search for a deeper, life-changing relationship with Jesus. Leo, Tania & their 4 young children have experienced amazing changes in their family and characters as a result of giving Jesus control of their lives. What a joy to see these young children witness their parents' baptism. Monze, their oldest daughter is in the Jr. youth group that Kenia helps to lead and she has already asked Kenia to baptize her when she is ready to take that step of obedience.



Kenia and Christina



Batun Family



Leo and Tania