



making disciples McClain Family Update

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Potter's Field Kids (Las Manos del Alfarero)

We are so thankful to be back in Villarreal after an extremely encouraging time with family and friends in the USA. It is such a wonderful joy to know how effectively the Body of Christ worked together in our absence to keep the ministry going. With the combination of Victor and Michaela, Justine and Natalie, Pastor Phil and Rebecca, Calvary Chapel intern Corey, as well as many others, both PFK and Bible Club continued throughout our short furlough in the States. We were welcomed back with countless hugs and even some kisses on the cheek (thanks, Gustavo!!) and many who commented on how long it seemed like we were gone— so long they wondered if we were ever coming back! Please pray with us this month as we access and review and begin again with discipleship, English classes and tutoring. Pray for the many in the ministry who do not come to church. Pray that the Lord continue to pursue them and they seek Him and ultimately give their lives to Him. Pray as well for their parents and for their lives to bring glory to Jesus. Pray for those that live in bondage and for the victory of Christ to be made real in their lives!

We shared with you last month the testimony of God's grace, mercy, love and compassion in the life of PFK intern Michaela Schwarz. This month we'd like to share with you God's blessings in the life of PFK intern Natalie Neels. *"I grew up in a catholic background with all the traditions, so I knew about God and who Jesus was but it wasn't until I was thirteen that accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior. Ever since then I have been following Jesus it has not always been easy, but it is the best decision that I have ever made. One verse that has been really influential in my life is Philipians Ch 3:13b-14 is "forgetting those things which are behind and straining toward what is ahead. I press on toward the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." After I left high school I went to Calvary Chapel of the Finger lakes school of Ministry for two years. During those two years God started to stir up a hunger in my heart for missions. A verse that the Lord had given me during my time there was Acts 1:8 stating that the disciples are to be witness in Judea Jerusalem then the utter most parts of the earth. During my last year of Bible College I had gotten another verse in Genesis 12:1-2 when God says to Abraham "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to a land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you..." This has become one of my life verses. God has used this verse to show me just like he called Abraham to take a step a faith and to step out to a land unknown knowing that the Lord would bless him. God has used this verse to show me to take steps of faith and when I do he will bless me."* Please continue to pray for Michaela, Natalie and Justine as they are now back in the USA, seeking God's will for their lives. They have been a huge blessing to the church, our family and to the PFK ministry.

We had a fantastic time in the States last month. We enjoyed restful days at the family farm with Matt's family and a trip to King's Island, spent many days with our niece Samantha, got away for a few days with Brooke's family at Raccoon Lake, spent time with extended family reconnecting, visited with many good friends, celebrated the Lord's work here in Costa Rica with several churches, including our own, FEPC. Matt shared powerfully from the Word and our family made our world musical debut at FEPC! We loved seeing so many friends and ministry partners at our open house, the many hours of pool time in family and friends' pools, and connecting and serving with so many from our home church. We are so thankful for Tim and Sue Wolfe, who opened their home to us and Mike and Dianna Kelly who lent us their van for the month and to so many of you who hosted us and shared meals and countless hours with us. The time passed so quickly, and as always, was very full, but we arrived in Costa Rica encouraged, blessed and rejuvenated – ready to serve Jesus in the place we now call home. We thank all of you for your prayers, gifts, love and partnership!

We are thankful for our prayer and financial partners. Please make checks payable to: Shepherd's Staff Mission Facilitators, PO Box 53640, Albuquerque, NM, 87153-3640 Please include our missionary account #4208 on all checks or correspondence

"Put off your old self...be renewed in the Spirit...Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God..." Ephesians 4:22-24 ESV