

Pettengill Prayer Letter

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Erin spending a little time with a new friend from La Carpio.

Spanish Language Institute

Our first semester as fulltime Spanish students is complete. The semester was a great intensive study in phonetics, grammar and vocabulary. Between the two of us we earned five A's and one B+. We are pleased with the grades, but, it is the practice and the in-depth study that is important. We begin our next semester on January 9th and are eager to improve our Spanish skills. The more we interact with native Spanish speakers the more we understand how important this time is to our work in Honduras.

Two Supporting Churches

In December two churches agreed to support us in 2008. Covenant Presbyterian Church of Paso Robles, CA has joined Team Honduras as our 14th supporting church. Also, Desert Palms Presbyterian Church of Chandler, AZ has supported us in the past, but has agreed to support us in an ongoing capacity for 2008. Praise God for these congregations. Please pray that our Lord blesses their obedience to the Great Commission.

Thursdays At La Carpio

In December we began weekly ministry work at La Carpio, a squatter village where Nicaraguan refugees live in a city dump. Every Thursday, after school, we spent several hours playing, sharing Christ, and loving on 50 to 80 kids. We look forward to continued work in La Carpio.

A New Music Director

Erin has accepted the position as Music Director at our language school for next semester. She has volunteered to organize several worship teams, an audio team and a slideshow team. In short, she will coordinate the chapel services our school puts on twice a week for the spiritual betterment of the 140 missionaries who study here.

New Student Orientation

January 1-8 we will help prepare 60 new missionaries for study at our language school. We will provide campus tours, and participate in group discussions on moral purity, street smarts and proper class behavior. It is exciting that other missionaries can benefit from our experiences.

Our Tentative Schedule

1/9 – Second Semester Begins
3/7-9 – San Carlos Mission Trip
4/25 – Second Semester Ends

Our Specific Prayer Needs

- Continued advancement in Spanish acquisition.
- An ongoing enthusiasm for the Central American people and their culture.
- A healthy balance between studying Spanish and serving in our various ministries.