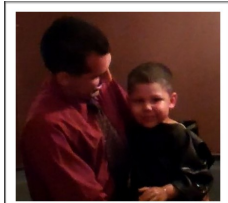


THE REYES FAMILY



Josiah's Baptism



Christmas Story with Pastor John Boggs



Sandra's Surgery



At Gospel Light Baptist Church

December has been an eventful month for us. As you know, Sandra had been in and out of the Chilean hospital system since the beginning of October. After our last visit to the kidney specialist, it became clear to us that we were not going to be helped until her condition became life-threatening. God used this, along with advice from our counselors, to make it clear to us that we needed to come back to the States as soon as possible. We sent out a request for help with purchasing our tickets, and we were completely shocked as to how many of you responded, and in such a big way. **THANK YOU!**

We arrived in New Mexico December 4th. The next day we went to the ER at a good hospital in Albuquerque. After spending the day there, the doctors sent Sandra home with some strong pain medications. Even after several tests, they could not figure out where all of Sandra's symptoms were coming from, so they set her up with several appointments with various specialists during the course of the next 2 months.

While waiting for our appointments, we were able to do several things this month. We have been attending New Heights Baptist Church, where my brother is the pastor. God has given us the opportunity to help them with performing some maintenance on their computers. I was also able to teach a teen Sunday School class there. My brother invited me to attend an ordination service with him in Amarillo, TX. While there I was able to contact several other pastors who invited us to present our ministry at their churches.

We were invited to preach in a Spanish ministry at Gospel Light Baptist Church while the Spanish pastor was visiting family for the holidays. Bro. Lenentine was very kind to us, and allowed us to give a testimony in the main church service. God has been so good to us by giving us so many godly friends who we have been able to visit with while here in New Mexico.

We were keeping busy while waiting for Sandra's appointments, but then a week ago (Dec 30th) Sandra woke up in extreme pain. We immediately went to the ER. They found that her kidney stones had dropped and were obstructing kidney drainage. It was decided that they would operate to remove the stones instead of simply letting them pass (praise the Lord!).

The following Tuesday afternoon, she went into surgery. Afterwards, the doctor told me that it was indeed the largest of her 3 stones that had obstructed the passageway, and that it had embedded itself into the tissue. Had it been left untreated it would have worked its way through the tube wall and leaked into her abdomen. Thank God that He gave the doctors the wisdom to decide to go ahead with the operation. Thank you for all of your prayers!

Sandra is back home now, still very sore from the operation. The doctors expect her to completely recover within the next 3 weeks. In February we will be leaving for California to begin visiting our supporting churches. Please pray for our safety as we begin traveling first here in New Mexico. Also, that we will be able to obtain a vehicle for our traveling. **If you know of a vehicle that might be available, please let me know.** We know that God already has what we need; we just need your help to figure out where it is.

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