

# ROENSPIE'S REPASO

News from Jeff, Iilia and Gabriel Roenspie  
Serving with Calvary Chapel in Hermosillo Sonora

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After a summer filled with travel, we were happy to arrive back in Sonora and settle back in. September brought the start of a new school year, both for Gabriel (who started junior high) and for us with the *Escuela de Ministerio Calvario*. This semester, we offered a 3-part intensive study of the book of Genesis and an 8-week on the History of Christian Missions. We also are trying to add in practical "mini-courses", and so in October, we offered a course on Understanding Death. This course coincided with the *Day of the Dead*, and gave us a chance to explain our freedom from fears and customs tied to death. As always, our hope was that the message of the resurrection will change lives.

In October, we hit the road again, this time to Ensenada, where Jeff taught the History of Missions course as a 2-week intensive at the Calvary Chapel Bible College there. This was a great time for us as a family, connecting with friends from Ensenada and, for Jeff, interacting with students from the US, Nigeria, and all parts of Mexico. Most of all, it was an opportunity to encourage the next generation of missionaries! Gabe managed to stay caught up on *most* of his schoolwork, but also had time to get to know the students at the Bible College and other Missionary kids in the area.

We were recently invited to teach at a Youth Retreat for the youth of our friend's church, *Arbol de Vida*. Jeff taught four sessions on *Made in His Image*. It was exciting to watch 25+ young people, from ages 14-28, take in the concepts of how God designed us, saved us, and re-designs us for relationship with Him. We also oversaw a purity talk for the older youth. The setting, a beautiful retreat center in San Carlos, gave us plenty of time to study, worship, play games, and enjoy the ocean. It's exciting for us to watch these young people take seriously their relationship with the Lord while enjoying fun times of fellowship!

Another source of joy is our adolescent group at *Amor Fraternal*. We continue to meet with them and offer practical studies. Their newest passion is our improvised *hockey de escobas* (broomball!). We clear out the main sanctuary and do battle, using a Mexican sombrero for the puck (it actually hasn't the smoothest slide and doesn't get caught in the bristles). These times of fellowship have created a wonderful bond with our adolescents. Of course our goal is to teach them to confide in the Lord and his Word. To that end, we have focused on practical studies this fall, studying the concept of *What is Freedom?* (Mexican Independence Day, Sept 15) and a special study on the Fall Feasts of Israel (foto right). In all of this,





we were able to point them to Jesus, the fulfillment of each celebration, and the source of our freedom.

A bright spot since returning home has been seeing God's plan unfold for the House of Grace Children's Home. We shared with



many of you this summer about this home, which was founded two years ago by our friends Pedro and Zoila Polanco. The Polancos grew up in a children's home, and have always wanted to create a home for children from at-risk environments, ensuring their education and a Christian upbringing. Last year they were asked to move out of the home that they were using, and began to pray in earnest. Last month, the Lord answered... there was a donation of funds to purchase property and build a new home! The 20 children, in addition to the Polancos and their 3, were overjoyed, as were we! We should begin breaking ground by the beginning of 2012 and hope to have the first buildings in place by spring. (fotos left of lot and below, Lilia with Zoila) In addition, we started a sponsorship program, allowing donors to connect with the children. We are beginning to see the sponsorship begin, and are looking forward to long-term relationships between the kids and the donors. If you'd like more information on the project, visit the Children's Home Facebook page at Casadegracia\_nipje or [www.christianmentors.org](http://www.christianmentors.org).



### **PRAYER POINTS...** *please keep the following areas in prayer*

- The holidays - for meaningful interactions and opportunities to communicate the Gospel with the Christmas story. And for the loneliness we feel being away from family.
- For our 2-day Literacy workshop December 2-3. This class is designed to teach teachers, using a Bible-based primer to teach adults to read and write while exposing them to the truths of God. Pray that many people would come to be trained with this valuable evangelism tool.
- For our next class, the Life of Abraham (*second block of Genesis*). Pray for the students and the teacher, as we grow in our walk by faith.
- For a special class and prayer time we will be offering to area pastors on Convictions and Distinctives - *Knowing why you believe what you believe*. Many of the smaller Calvary Chapels here are unaffiliated, and part of the process is the (daunting) Statement of Faith form. To take some of the sting out of it, we've developed a course that helps these pastors define their faith and articulate it from a Biblical perspective.
- For continued, consistent support to do this work. Please pray especially for our vehicle, as we are preparing to turn it out to pasture soon (or put it down...)
- For Mexico- for strong leadership confronting the drug cartels. Although we don't see the violence here as much, we are aware that much of the country lives in fear.
- For teams - we have the possibility of a team coming at Christmas, another in February, and a 3<sup>rd</sup> in April. Pray that these short-term missionaries will be a blessing and that there will be lasting impact of transformed lives.
- *As always, we are grateful for your support, friendship and prayers. Please stay in touch!*

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