Celebrating Grace

There is a Spanish verb that captures what it means to do life with other people. It is "convivir". It can simply mean "to live" with someone, like in a home or apartment. But we've been hearing it applied more as literally sharing parts of your life with others - doing things together, spending time with others, and "living" or doing life with them.

Last month, over the Friday and Saturday before Easter, we participated in an overnight camping retreat with our church in Guanajuato. Erin had been asked to plan the retreat and prepare activities focused on the theme, "Let us celebrate Grace". Several families from the church attended the retreat, about 30 folks in all, or in other words, almost half of our church! It was really beautiful to be able to see people connect and fellowship together, and share testimonies of God's grace.



What a gift it was "convivir" with the families of our church for a

couple days, and to top off the weekend, to see some of those same folks celebrate that grace by being baptized on Easter Sunday!

This month also marked the end of language school for us. We packed our suitcases between tearful goodbyes, all the time feeling like we'd only just begun.

We praise God for His abundant grace over these past eight months in many different ways: our church



family in Guanajuato, our time at the school, visiting in the retirement home, safety traveling back and forth between the home office and Guanajuato, new friends willing to be part of the language learning process with us, staying connected with our friends and family in the U.S., and simply God's saving grace in our lives, His gift of salvation and the purposes He is calling us to.

And now, we look forward to serving with a team in Cabo San Lucas for a week and then in Nueva Odisea at Clinica La

Esperanza for the rest of the summer. Please pray with us for God's direction and discernment as we transition out of language school into this next phase of ministry and preparation. We are grateful to know you are part of this journey with us.

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"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:8-10)

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