

Oaxaca Dockters

Moving- again and still

Moving can be a problem and a pain, but in this case, it is a joy. We have been living in Dr. Cindy Hoover's house for the last year. But next Monday she is coming home :) That makes moving well worth it!

So now we have a small apartment about 10 min. away: small, quiet, lots of light, and centrally located. It has been our dream since we arrived here in Oaxaca to live in the community where I work, however that dream was not to be realized, for a number of different reasons.

In our last few months here in Oaxaca we have decided to take advantage of being more centrally located in order to spend as much time as possible with friends that we will all-to-soon be saying good bye too. So we choose this apartment, close to many different bus lines, that allows us to easily get from place to place.

Many people have helped us with furniture: a bed frame, a soft sitting chair, folding chairs, a table, a refrigerator. A dresser? Nah... cardboard boxes work just fine!



We continue to be overwhelmed by being on the receiving end of the love and generosity from friends in our church who saw our need and reached out without being asked.

Life and learning in Oaxaca, Mexico.

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Does merely talking about faith indicate that a person really has it? For instance, you come upon an old friend dressed in rags and half-starved and say, "Good morning, friend! Be clothed in Christ! Be filled with the Holy Spirit!" and walk off without providing so much as a coat or a cup of soup—where does that get you? Isn't it obvious that God-talk without God-acts is outrageous nonsense? James 2:15-17

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A few weeks ago we were asked to write out our daily schedules; a very revealing exercise. My schedule is busy and full. Most of the time I like that; but these days I am trying to learn from Bruce about maintaining *margins* in my life. Because Bruce keeps better 'margins' than I do he is able to meet

on the spot needs as they arise. *And when are there NOT needs that go on around us?* He was available to drive and friend home from the hospital, helping her with shopping and paying bills along the way. Another friend has back problems and has been out of work for some time, Bruce

visits him. Cindy's landlord sent some repairmen to work on her house, Bruce was able to be there to let them in, etc. Work, jobs, and lists are fine but we can so easily let the project become the priority. Take time to create *margins* and you will also be creating blessings: for yourself and others.

El Seminario Teologico Del Pacto en Mexico

Right now, 5 Oaxacan Covenant Pastors and about 19 others from the Mexico City area are enjoying a week of continuing education classes: "History and Theology of the Covenant Church" and "Women and Men in God's Mission."

These are especially hard economic times and many of our friends would not have been able to attend this class except for the generosity of many in the U.S. who have donated to a fund that sponsors pastors to attend such classes. This is the first such class offered as part of a new national church plan to begin a Covenant Seminary in Mexico.

The national church has a focus of: "3 for 3 for 3." At 3:00 everyday, church members are asked to pause for 3 minutes and pray for 3 objectives: unity, new churches in new areas, and a seminary.

Several of our good friends are there this week and are very excited for the opportunity.

Many of these men have only an elementary school education. But they have excelled at taking advantage of every opportunity to teach themselves and better themselves educational in order to teach others. Thanks be to God here was another chance for them.

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REQUISITOS:
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We have purchased two one way plane tickets back to the U.S. We'll be leaving Oaxaca Monday afternoon, March 15, after taking a bus to Mexico City. Our flight leaves EARLY Tuesday morning from there. Our current plans are to touch down in the Portland, OR. area and spend some time reconnecting with our son and new daughter-in-law, and other family members. We are planning to relocate to the northern Ore-

gon area and will spend a short amount of time looking around the area for housing and jobs before returning to California to visit many dear friends. We have so much to share, especially our gratitude to you for your encouragement and support of what God has been doing in, to and through us here in Oaxaca. Dios les bendiga!

Thanks for your continued support and interest in our work in Oaxaca

Thank you for your notes of encouragement, as well as your financial and prayer support. If you would like to contact us for more information about our work here please do so using one of the following address:

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