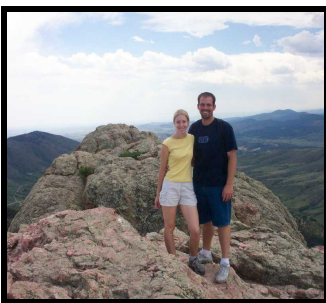




July 3, 2005

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the Summer Projects as they finish up their time in Mexico. Pray that they would finish well and that they would leave having impacted Puebla greatly for this coming year!
- Pray for our team as we prepare to coach the newly involved students.
- Pray that God would cement the information we are learning and that due to X-Track we would be better ministers of the gospel in Mexico.
- Pray for J.D. and Kristi as they prepare for the coming 18 months.



Us on top of Horsetooth Rock. Being outside and in God's creation has been a real blessing. Due to the size of Puebla and the pollution we don't get chances like this often! Also the photo on top is a panorama of the view... (bonus: Can you find DeAnn in the panorama?)

Notes From Dan and DeAnn!

*Thank you so much for being involved in ministry with us. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and financial support!

Crossing Cultures at X-Track 2005!



One of the very exciting parts of this training was seeing all the people (130 total) going to the world. Here is part of the group (DeAnn is sitting left center!) Thanks for being a part of sending laborers to the harvest! Pray for more laborers for the harvest is ripe!

Coming into X-Track this summer we were wondering what we were going to learn about ministry in another country after we had been living in Mexico for two years already. It did not take long to realize the quality of the training and the benefit that we were going to see in ministry and life in general when we get back to Mexico.

We have had training on value differences in different cultures and how that can affect ministry (classic is one on time: For us being 15 minutes "late" is late, but for most Mexicans being half an hour "late" is right on time...and it could even be insensitive or rude to show up right on time!) We have also learned some great language learning techniques that we hope to use and pass on to other Americans that come to Mexico. We have been challenged to really think of what is effective ministry in Mexico and not just do things because that is what is done in the States. All in all it has been really a great conference.

Aside from X-track, we have had some amazing news from Puebla. So far 40 people have come to Christ through the Summer Project. On UDLA (the campus that DeAnn was on quite a bit this last year) there were 5 students there that accepted Christ! God is doing great things. Now the challenge falls to us to follow-up these new believers and disciple them. We want to see them grow in their faith and lead others of their peers into relationship with Christ. Pray for this to happen!

A Surprise Activation...

There is something outside of our ministry in Mexico that we would like to share with you. Dan's brother, J.D., two weeks away from finishing up with active duty in the National Guard, was told to prepare to go to the Middle East. He will be gone for at least 18 months starting in August. He and Kristi (his wife) have great attitudes about this and are trusting God in His sovereignty with the situation. We would like to ask you to pray that God would protect J.D. and bring him home safely. Also please pray for Kristi as she deals with his leaving and 18 months without him. Thank you for keeping our whole family in your prayers.