



## **REYES & CHANITA MEDINA**

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We thank God for the opportunity to walk with the Bentonville Church of Christ in Colonia 89 for the past 11 years. We remember meeting in Ivan's house, renting our second meeting place, then buying the house on the hill (where we currently live) to meet in. Together, we bought land and built a beautiful building for the church. We have many happy memories, and some sad, but the great love of the Lord has steadfastly helped us to continue the work here through it all. The planting of a second congregation hasn't worked out the way we hoped, but we have many things that are cause for celebration and joy. Some of our most exciting times have been hosting area-wide church events with more than 600 people worshipping, fellowshiping, and learning together on our property. What a wonderful experience! We feel very blessed to have had the Bentonville mission team here to encourage us by working with us, side by side, for eleven summers. We also appreciate the team that comes down every Christmas to buy shoes, school supplies, and presents for our children.

If you know our family, you have watched our three children, David, Abby, and Anna grow from young teens to college graduates, and you have seen our precious grandson, Pablo, grow

from a newborn to an energetic three-year-old. With all of us under one roof, you can imagine our daily activities. We enjoy a lot of meals, run a lot of errands, take and teach a lot of classes, and do a lot of work. It keeps us busy, but we are thankful to be together and healthy. We are blessed to be able to work with our teammates, Daniel and Melinda, and we especially enjoy meeting with them every Tuesday for breakfast and a staff meeting. Together, we plan classes and services for each Sunday. We also plan Bible classes for Wednesday evening, and teach classes to unbelievers regularly. Every month, we host a meeting for the entire church. Monday through Friday, Daniel and I take turns keeping the church building open to the public. One of the exciting new things we are doing is distributing a bimonthly study guide that we study from together on Sundays.

We are encouraging our members to teach the material to someone they know outside the church, and are hopeful that God's message will continue to reach more people through our efforts.

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