

ABI & JULIE'S *journey*

FALL '23

Dear Friends and Family,

As we near the end of fall, we are left with one question—"Where did it go?" Soon we will be in the busiest time of the year, but before that happens, I wanted to send a quick update. Activities in Rio Grande, our church, Radio Esperanza, school, and soccer keep us busy. Thankfully today we are enjoying the novelty of cooler weather and rain--a much appreciated break from the heat.

ZOE'S TRIP TO THE DOWN UNDER

It was a year ago that Zoe started on a quest, preparing for a 6-week mission trip with Teen Missions International. Over the summer she went to Australia to serve the Lord. It was bittersweet seeing her go, but we knew she was in the Lord's hands. She grew up a lot during those six weeks, physically and spiritually. She can now look me (Julie) in the eyes, and she came back with a willingness to serve and to seek the Lord in all areas of her life. Thank you to those of you who prayed for her and supported her. She is praying about her next adventure, seeking the Lord if she should go on another mission trip next summer. Stay tuned!

CONFERENCE WITH RADIO ESPERANZA

Last month, Abi had the opportunity to lead the worship for a conference with Radio Esperanza and invited speaker with Focus on the Family Latin America, Sixto Porras. The school auditorium was packed with people who desired to hear God's Word. This week the radio will have its annual Gratiton--raising donations for different projects and needs in the radio. The goal is \$23,000.

FAMILY

Time does not stop. It is a fact we all know; however, we are always amazed at how fast time slips away. If you can believe it, our kids are now: Zoe, 14 (9th grade), Caleb, 12 (6th grade), Liam, 10 (4th grade), and Judah, 5 (Kindergarten). It has been fun to see how each of them has been growing and maturing. Zoe enjoys music and has put piano lessons on pause to focus on guitar. Caleb and Liam don't have a lot of free time outside of soccer practice and games. They both enjoy soccer and video games. Liam and Judah both love playing drums, art and drawing. Each one is so different, and we are thankful to the Lord for our kids.

The boys are in their third year of playing soccer with the Pachuca league. It has been a means of ministry as only one of their teammates is a believer. The boys have taken on the challenge to being a light for the Lord and actively



Our family is growing up! Here we are pictured at a Mexican Independence day celebration.



Zoe's Australia team



Radio Esperanza conference in the Friesen Building on campus

inviting their teammates to outreach events in our church. It is exciting to see how many have responded to the invitation and pray that the Lord would reach them with salvation.

FALL FESTIVAL

The most recent outreach ministry in our church was providing a Halloween alternative for kids. We were surprised to have three families from the boy's soccer team show up to this event. The Gospel was clearly presented and Jesus proclaimed as the light of the world. May the Lord continue to work through us to be lights in our community for Him.

MINISTRY²

I, Julie, am starting my third year serving as the President's Administrative Assistant at Rio Grande, continuing what I did when I first started as a missionary back in 2005. I love what I do, being able to be more involved. In September, I started as full time missionary and Abi is now serving in the Radio as a volunteer, a slight switch that still requires the need for missionary support.

About a year ago, Abi stepped into the role of co-pastor in our church. Our senior pastor has heart problems, and through the course of the year, we have seen that it is a lot for Abi to juggle the two ministries full time. This past year has been full of activity, growth, and blessings serving in ministry in the Radio, training the music team, personal ministry outlet with the boys in soccer, and in our church. Being involved in multiple ministries has been good, but it has brought us to a crossroads. Abi's volunteer role in the Radio is being a DJ on the air once a week, reviewing music content and updating new music files, making jingles, etc. is what he has always done, but now a smaller amount of time. He dedicates more time in being full time pastor at our church, Iglesia Biblica Cristiana Maranatha.

If you support us financially, please continue to do so as we continue to serve at Rio Grande Bible Ministries, only with a shift of me serving full time and Abi as volunteer. The church supplements our missionary support so we are able to continue to serve in both of these ministries. If you support us in prayer, please continue to do so! We are so grateful for your prayers and support. It was 18 years ago that I started to raise support as a single. Time has flown by, but the Lord has been faithful every step of the way.

Having joy in the journey,

Abi & Julie
Zoe, Caleb, Liam and Judah

Hope you are doing well. Thank you for your prayers and support. Hope you have a wonderful thanksgiving.

Abi & Julie



Abi, Caleb and Liam with their team after a tournament



Fall festival outreach



Caleb, Judah, Zoe, Liam



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