

## STORIES OF GRACE

Feature: Our missionaries that we support share some Stories of Grace  
Bess Farrell service Encompass World Missions in Mexico City

Editor's Note: We are privileged to introduce the Missionaries we support with prayer and financially to our church family. Many have not had the opportunity to meet our missionaries. Bess and Brenda Welling plan to be in the area on home ministries this fall.



Bess was born November 17 in Dallas, Texas, but grew up in San Luis Obispo, California and accepted Christ when a senior in high school. She had the privilege of being an exchange student in Mexico and Japan and have traveled extensively and been a short-term missionary in Peru, South America.

She studied Spanish, French, German, and Japanese and received her B.S. in nursing from the University of California at Los Angeles, Nurse Practitioner Certificate from California State University, Long Beach, and a Bible Certificate from Grace Bible Institute and Grace Theological Seminary West. In 2015, she finished work on a MA in Spiritual Formation and

Leadership at Spring Arbor University.

Since childhood, she had a special interest and desire to work with the Hispanic culture and that is exactly what the Lord has allowed her to do-whether in Peru with Wycliffe Bible Translators, at the Spanish Church in Long Beach, at the California-Mexico border, or in Mexico City.

Her time is used to teach Sunday School, Bible Studies, counsel with women regarding their relationship with the Lord and Bess has been able to use her nursing background to help women understand health issues.

The Lord has allowed Bess to work in Mexico since 1989 with Brenda Welling. She is part of a multi-national church planting team working alongside of Mexican nationals in the COCRIMEX church in Mexico City.

Bess sends us a Story of Grace from one of her ladies: Itzel

Itzel is a 21 year old recent college graduate in pedagogy whom we have been mentoring now for several years. She came to Christ just a few years ago under the COCRIMEX church youth ministry. Her desire is to work with young people in counseling. This dream of hers finds its source in her own personal story of redemption. God has taken her out of an alcoholic background into a life full of service to others. She is seeking to study counseling in a Latin seminary sometime in the future and desires to learn English through an exchange program with a GBC church in Ohio starting this Fall. Itzel is a kind, sweet soul who is pliable to the Holy Spirit's work in her life and is willing to move into areas of great challenge and adventure. She is a talented teacher of adults and children, very gifted in creativity and imagination to express the Good News to others. Pray for Itzel as she pursues her dream to serve God among young people.

Email Bess at [bfarrell@encompassworld.org](mailto:bfarrell@encompassworld.org). They have an excellent newsletter "**Being with the B's**" that you can request to receive by email.