



**MARCH “Flash”
from Dan and Joan Ashcraft
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Much prayer: Thank you for praying for us in these past months. After our “24 hour prayer retreat” in January, Joan and I felt led to stay put and help in the “reboot” situation in the Puebla church working shoulder to shoulder with Frank & Salud and continuing our efforts in Isla Mayor (sometimes called La Isla). We have kept the prayer fires stoked here. Over 30 from the two churches we work with have participated in our monthly 24 hour prayer days. We have seen people unemployed for months get jobs, symptoms of long term sickness disappear and some unsaved have more interest in the Bible. Joan and I have seen an amazing supply of financial needs met through our supporters.

All means. We believe in reaching people by **all means** possible. This coming week we should finish a door to door information campaign in Isla Mayor, an unreached town. That will make 1500 homes reached in this effort. Another **means** is a planned intensive Sports / English outreach is planned for late June – early July. A team is coming from Dan’s brother’s church in California. We are targeting Isla Mayor (6,000 population) and Puebla del Rio (12,000 population). Pray for the Team’s preparation in California and our on the ground preparation here.

Retreat. Some of you have been praying for our youth ministry. We just finished a successful youth retreat where the youth were challenged spiritually & are looking forward to youth camp in the summer. The camp ground was blessed with good weather in spite of predicted rain for the whole weekend. It seems like God provided a **“no rain zone”** around the camp (so they could go out & play soccer etc.) while there was rain in other parts of the province. Continue to pray for these 5 young people for their spiritual development, for desire to live for the Lord before their friends, & for a desire to learn from the Word and apply it.

Church. In this church “reboot” that God & us are working on in Puebla del Rio, this past month attendance has varied from 16 to 25 people. Pray for a “recharge” and for us to reach more people. Our prayer / training time on Thursday evenings has been well attended and encouraging. People dedicate themselves to serious prayer and a high percent read the evangelism training book we discuss. Our new couple from Isla Mayor is attending more often.

Heat to heart. While “couples” counseling has had some discouraging moments, our preaching through Hebrews has been well received. Joan has been amazed at the high interest and faithful attendance (11-13) in our “Firm Foundations” class (for Sr. citizens). All of our Sunday school kids are enthusiastic learners.



Praise:

- A big blessing and good weather for the youth retreat held March 11-13.
- A number of answers to prayer as a result of God answering after each of our “24 hour prayer days” in October, December, February and March. We are excited to see what God will do as we will have one 24 hr. prayer day each month through 2011.
- A new couple has been attending from Isla Mayor (the only believers in their town.)

José Luis y& Sari from Isla Mayor



Pray:

- Growth in the Puebla church
- For all the preparations to go well for our “Sports / English” outreach the end of June – the first of July. Pray for preparation for the California team and the on the ground preparations here. Pray for God to be preparing hearts.
 - Pray for some struggling Christians we are dealing with (couples & one on one.)