

## August 2018: The end of the world, twice over!

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“It was one of the classes that has most blessed and impacted me.” – a text I received from Ana Miriam Peralta. Ana Miriam is a regional leader for COMPA, Mexico’s version of campus ministry InterVarsity. She was commenting on one of the studies I have been leading since June for COMPA leaders. We have seven that come to our house every Tuesday afternoon, and another, Melissa, who attends from Tijuana via Zoom.

We cover two to three chapters a week, and plan to finish in September. What gets me excited is that Ana Miriam, who requested the study, is using it to prepare for studies she will lead in December at the Urbana missions conference. So I am indirectly having an impact on the people who will take the studies with her.

Why the words ‘twice over’ in the title of this letter? Because from August 13-17 I will be teaching an intensive course on Revelation at All Nations Seminary in Ciudad Juarez. I will be teaching from 8am to 2pm each day, and they tell me to expect over 100 students, teachers and visiting pastors.

### Other Gifford news

Daniel graduated from college and had an interview this week from a business in his field of digital animation. Pray that he gets a good job that both stretches him and provides for his needs.

Alexandra graduated from high school, spent a month with us here in Mexico City, and today graduated from the Entrada program at Calvin College, where she will be studying international development. Please pray for her, too.



*With Daniel and Alexandra*

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We got the happy news in July that our support reached just over 100% for 2017-2018. Thank you to all who gave and/or prayed about our support.

Blanca and I attended the seminary graduation in Toluca in June, Ana Luisa, Mauricio and Reisel were our three graduates this year. They all plan to serve in ministry.

Blanca's children's and youth ministries, the focus of our last prayer letter, continue strong.



*Raúl and Hernán*

In July I attended the Central presbytery meeting of the Mexican denomination we work with. There I saw in two moving ways the Lord's blessings on our labors:

Raúl Ocampo, whose family entered the church a few years ago through Blanca's cooking class, was approved by the presbytery to be a seminarian. What a special moment to see him grow and get to this point.

I took part in the examination and ordination of Hernán Almaraz. He was a student of mine and my student librarian for years. I mentored him as seminarian and later as the lay pastor of our church. And I married him and his wife Christian last summer before our home service. What a joy to lay hands on him with several other pastors as the church ordained him as a minister of the Word.

A lot more has happened since May: four or five trips, my mural restoration, and more. Thank you all for your financial support, prayers, and words of encouragement. Blessings to you all in Christ,

***Dave, Blanca, Daniel and Alexandra Gifford***