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The Lord is bringing people into his kingdom, and we are thankful to be a part

of it. We are grateful for your part in it which allows the work to go on.

Prayer Requests:

Unity and joy among the team members as they prepare for the ministry year ahead.

The Spirit's guidance for the club teachers as they seek to disciple the children under their care.

We Thank God for the year of service given to us by **Ashley Arndt**. Ashley was an excellent missionary, jumping right into the language and culture and caring deeply about the girls under her care. Ashley taught the nine and ten-year-old's class, and volunteered faithfully with the youth group. We are going to miss her, but we are excited about the ways God is going to use her as she pursues working in non-profit ministry in New York city.



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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support this year, and concern for the ministry here in Mexico. As you know, one of our most frequent prayer requests this year is that God will send new workers into the harvest. Our Kid's Bible Club averaged about 160 children a week, and there are always streets and neighborhoods that we don't have time to reach. In the words of Jesus, the fields are ripe for the harvest. God has answered those prayers, and sent us two wonderful workers for this year.

Karen Hooge

Karen became acquainted with CFCI during



George and Daniel's recruiting trips to Wheaton College last fall and spring. She was a sociology major and would like to further study in the area, but has decided that she would like to serve the Lord for a while in Mexico first. Karen was attracted by the close Christian com-

munity among the missionaries and by the opportunity to work with children. She has extensive experience ministering to children in the summer camp environment and a basic knowledge of the Spanish language. Please thank the Lord for Karen and pray for her as she works hard to cross culture and language barriers to communicate God's love to the children of our colonia.

Elizabeth Mahon

Upon Elizabeth Mahon's departure from Fresno last



July, some of the CFCI team let her know that they would be praying for her return. Elizabeth's first three years in Fresno were marked

by joyful service that flowed from the abundant love of the Lord. Who wouldn't want her back? We praise the Lord that he has sent her back, this time with a deeper calling and three-year commitment.

T-shirt Giveaway

The Kid's Bible Club finished strong this year with over 200 kids who met the attendance and Bible verse memory goals to win a t-shirt. This year's T-shirt features Luke 24:5b "Why are you looking among the dead for him who lives?" from our Resurrection day lesson.



Our hope is that some of these approximately 200 children will continue worshipping the Lord, and that they themselves will lead disciples to Him someday.

Meredith Omland

After 10 years on the field, Meredith's ministry is still growing and adapting. The in-depth Bible class that she taught this year to our church's national leaders was a huge success, with 13 leaders finishing a two-semester class on the Bible as a whole, and then the New Testament specifically. The church is excited to begin studying the Old Testament this year. Meredith has also been ministering to the women of our church through healing prayer. Meredith serves in many other capacities, including serving on the three-person missionary leadership team.



Doug Jones

Doug pastors *Iglesia del Gran Pastor*, and is the head of this year's Leadership Team. One of his major responsibilities as pastor of Iglesia del Gran Pastor is training the national leaders who shepherd the church's thriving cell group ministry. Doug and Christy have two children, Sammy and Eric, and are expecting one more this summer.



Becca Thompson

Becca leads the Kid's Club ministry here. She is responsible for planning and supervising all aspects of the Club. She also serves in several different ways to support the ministries of *Iglesia del Gran Pastor*. Becca has also moved into a leadership role for the Fresno team by serving on this year's Leadership Team. Last May she became godmother to a young girl in our church, Daniella Escobar Olivas.



Making Disciples, Sending Them Out

Fifteen of the youth from our church left this month to take the gospel to other parts of Mexico. They will be attending a brief youth conference and missions training camp called Terremoto (earthquake), and then will be split up into teams with other youth from Mexico and the U.S. They will be performing community service projects and a four-day Vacation Bible School inviting the parents of the children to attend an evangelistic event at the end of the week. We are so blessed to see children coming out of the Club and youth programs with a desire to serve the Lord and tell others about Jesus.



George Childs

Despite the challenges of living by himself this last year, George continues to count his service in Fresno as a privilege from the Lord. His primary ministries are kids club teacher and serving as one of the feeding team leaders. George has a heart for unity among the Christians churches in Fresno, and enjoys attending prayer services in other churches to build relationships and pray. One of George's favorite parts of the ministry is preaching evangelistic messages to the at-risk youth who attend the feeding ministry on Saturdays.



Quiz

Creature Comforts

What can you expect if you come to Fresno? Take our quiz and find out which of these comforts grace our everyday life, and which are still a dream away.

1. Indoor bathrooms
2. Inexpensive fresh produce
3. High speed internet in our houses.
4. Inexpensive homemade peanut butter.
5. In home washing machine
6. In home dryer
7. Cellular telephones
8. Eating out for under \$3
9. In home heating/air-conditioning
10. Christian community amongst the missionaries who love, challenge, and support you in your walk with Christ.

1.Y, 2.Y, 3.Y, 4.No-most Mexicans think peanut butter is gross. 5.Y, 6.N, 7.Y, 8.Y, 9.N, 10.Y