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Last time we wrote, we were freezing in Michigan after Thanksgiving, desperately trying to get everything done so we could get back to Mexico City. Well, we made it!

We had a safe journey home to Mexico on December 8. It was nice to see our kids and dogs after a 5 month absence.

Reconnect was great but exhausting. I took vacation December 9-31 to recover! After Christmas celebrations, the four of us enjoyed a three day trip to Puebla, Atlixco and Val'Quirico.

Blanca headed to Honduras January 8-29 to attend our niece's wedding and help her mother, whose dementia is advancing.

In mid-January I began teaching New Testament at the seminary of the National Presbyterian Church. It involves a lot of driving (1.5 hours every Tues and Thurs), but I enjoy teaching my five great students. I was able to pump out a good number of materials on my Spanish website in January ([giffmex.org/b/](https://giffmex.org/b/)).

We celebrated our son Daniel's birthday on January 17!



In late January our friend Mary Jimenez passed away at 65 from cancer. This was hard for Blanca, who was still in Honduras. Blanca used to visit Mary and

another friend regularly. I was able to visit Mary in the hospital and preach at the visitation at the funeral home by invitation of her (adult) kids. Please pray for Mary's kids.

Our support is up to 72% thanks to generous donations and prayers from our churches and donors.

### **What's next?**

**Now:** Blanca gets involved again with the Brave Heart ministry to indigenous children, and ministries at our church.

**February 20-23:** Dave's conference trip to Tabasco to lead a conference on biblical leadership.

**March 21-25:** The regional retreat in Guatemala. The Mexico-Caribbean region merged with Central America, and now we are the Latin American region.

**April 4-11:** A team from LaGrave Ave CRC come to Mexico City to help with the Brave Heart ministry and pray on-site for the ministries and needs here.

**Thank you all for your prayers and financial support.** Blessings to you in Christ, ***Dave and Blanca***

