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Dear family and friends,

We are on our way to Cuba! First stop San Diego, CA to visit Pablo's mother, Benjamin, Jeanelle and our grandbabies! Early Sunday morning, March 24th, we will fly to Florida to spend a few days with our Discippler Training team, Frank and Jeanette Meitz, for fine tuning and final planning of the conference – and then off to Cuba!



Please pray for us as we travel to Jagüey Grande in Matanzas province for our 13th Discipleship Conference. Prior to the conference, we will meet with our Cuban team of Facilitators for fellowship and to dive deeper into Biblical concepts to better equip them for their own ministries. We did this last year and it proved to be a great team building experience!



The Discippler Training Conference will be April 1-5 and we are praying for 150-200 pastors and leaders from different denominations! Please be praying with us for every detail! We have received our Religious Visas and the doors are open for us to teach!!



Following the conference, we will have a couple of days to refresh and ready ourselves for the marriage conference.

This year the Cuban leadership asked Pablo and I to do the training within the setting of a retreat (rather than us traveling to multiple churches). The retreat will have a two-fold purpose:

1. For equipping leaders for marriage and pre-marital counseling ministry in their churches.
2. For us to be able to minister to couples' hearts and lives individually as well as corporately.

One of the things that we really wanted to see happen is to find a campground where the couples could stay together rather than women be in one place and men in another. They found a camp (conditions and amenities unknown!) BUT the couples will be able to stay together! We are so excited!

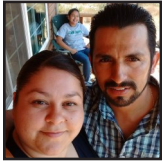
The conference will be 4 days long and there are 60 couples (all pastors and ministry leaders) ready to go! We have been praying and studying and readying our minds and hearts to teach what WE continue to learn about a Christ-centered marriage.



At the end of this letter is our schedule and we ask for your prayers as we go!

On the home front:

Here in Ensenada several different people are going to step into our shoes to cover our responsibilities!



Javier will be teaching the men's small group on Tuesdays



Esteban will be leading worship for the men's group and for the weekly youth group meeting.



Yanet, Esteban and Luis will be taking turns teaching the youth.



Two of Pablo's soccer players, Ivan Gastelum and Christian Garcia, will be coaching the teams.



Our friend Becky will be taking care of finances and Allyson will be taking care of some behind the scenes details.

We are so very appreciative of everyone that is stepping in to help while we are gone!

On a little more vulnerable note, Pablo's mother Maria Elena was diagnosed with ALS in early December. We had been seeing signs for a couple of years that things were going on in her body, but the doctors couldn't pin down a diagnosis until then. Her disease is progressing very rapidly. Because Pablo comes from a large family, all the siblings have been taking turns caring for her and since January she has had full time care in her home. I have been the "calendar administrator, translator for doctor's appointments and communications go-to girl" for the family during these months and have been feeling quite a bit of separation anxiety and worry for all the details while we are gone in Cuba, as well as Mama Elena's failing health. We appreciate your prayers for this very tender-to-our-hearts request.



Thank you for walking with us in prayer and your ever faithful support during this trip to Cuba!

Date	City and Province	Activity
March 29-31	Palmira, Cienfuegos	Team Development
April 1-5	Jaguey Grande, Matanzas	Discipler Training Conference
April 6-8 a.m.		Refresh and recharge
April 8-12		Couples Marriage Retreat
April 12 p.m.	Palmira, Cienfuegos	Travel back to ministry base
April 13-14		Family time with Ministry President, wife and children (investing personally in their lives before returning home)
April 15		Home church visitation and mentoring with a couple whom we support throughout the year.
April 16		Travel back to Santa Clara for trip home.