Community In Acts

January 5, 2026

Lam. 3:22 "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.
23 They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
24 I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him."

The news, in the last few days, has been unsettling to say the least. Each one of us merits God's justice for the sin/evil we have committed. By virtue of not being consumed by His holy fire of justice, we are walking examples of God's love and compassion. God will use different methods at different times with different people to achieve His sovereign purpose. He is holy and just whether He decides to use mercy or justice. While He is forgiving and merciful with one person, He may be corrective and disciplinary with another. The phrase "The Lord is my portion" ought to be where we put our trust. I only trust the Lord to unwind this over cooked ball of spaghetti one strand at a time. In this new year I am deeply thankful that His mercies are new every morning.

Biola

We have a great group of young people from Biola. They have worked at the church cleaning up, cutting grass and handing out flyers. Yesterday, they helped lead music during the service and I translated Jabir's message. Today we will be taking them to the orphanage and ministering to the kids. They have some studies that they prepared to teach the children. Between Sandy and I, we will take turns translating.

Ice Skating

Tomorrow, we will do our annual ice-skating/pizza day with the children. This is the day that we celebrate "Dia de los Magos." When the Magi came and gave gifts to the baby Jesus is when Mexicans will exchange gifts with each other. We could not ask for a better group of college students to help us with such a large group. We should be close to one hundred people. The logistics can get a bit challenging…

Emerald Coast

Unfortunately, the new contractor was a no show on Saturday. I was very discouraged. However, he has rescheduled for tomorrow. I will be here with the group, but Juan Gaona will be there to receive him at the ranch. Right now, I believe he is our best option to get this project finished. I most likely will break away from the group to take his call.

Prayer Requests:

1. Please pray for God to work in the Biola students' lives this week.
2. Please pray for healing to take place in the hearts of the orphans.
3. Please pray for safety while ice skating.
4. Please pray for a productive visit with the new contractor.
5. Please pray for sufficient funding to finish the construction project.