

Wonder of the World and Model for Spiritual Transformation

If you've kept track of the current events in the Yucatán, you've noticed that the pyramid known as El Castillo, or Kukulcan (below) has been voted one of the seven new wonders of the world.

Celebrations have continued for several weeks and publicity has been produced, all

surrounding this image of ancient craftsmanship which the people of the Yucatán now hope will bring future prosperity.

Images are important to Christians as well. The image of the cross, a symbol of scorn and shame in ancient times, has come to represent the salvation and forgiveness that we can experience because of Jesus' death.



Understanding this power of the image, we "redeemed" the image of El Castillo in order to present a model of discipleship during a 5 day youth retreat in Chelem, Yucatán. Using each point of the pyramid, we presented the necessary elements of spiritual transformation: encounter with God, life experience, and personal effort.

Now, for a group of 70 youth, the new wonder of the world is

also a reminder of what God wants to do in each one of their lives. Pray that God continues to help us use innovative means to make disciples here in the Yucatán.



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pray

- For continued daily protection for our family, physically, mentally, and spiritually
- For wisdom and foresight in accepting ministry opportunities.
- For the children as they enter into Mexican school

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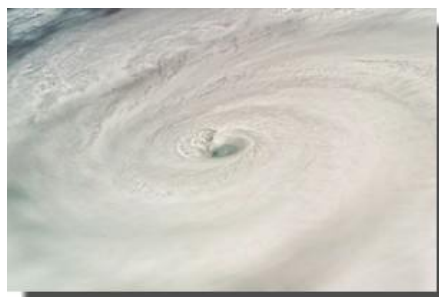
Another first! Rebekah, Joseph and Jonathan will enter into their first year of Mexican school on August 27th. Pray for their adjustment and for their parents as they deal with the reality that their babies are growing up!



Whirlwind: A Month in the Life of the Godzwa Family

July through August found us in the middle of a dizzying array of activities, starting with the Vacation Bible School, where Kelly was involved in teaching over 50 children and ending with the passage of Hurricane Dean (right) by our back door. Here are the highlights:

- July 15-21: Vacation Bible School at our home church in Mérida. Kelly team taught a class of 9-10 year-olds.
- July 23-27: All-field missionary retreat in Puerto Vallarta.
- July 28-August 2: Ministry Team from Church on the Rock, Conroe, Texas who ministered to children and families in need.
- August 6-14: Visit from Kelly's sister Sky and her friend Kerry.



- August 6-10: Youth Camp, Dave spoke for 4 days on Spiritual Transformation
- August 13-15: Move into our new rental.
- August 21: The arrival of Hurricane Dean. The category 5 hurricane weakened quickly and did little damage to our ministry area.