

## Working Toward Opportunities

We've had a chance to visit a number of the archeological sites of the Maya civilization located here in the Yucatan. What most attracts attention is the sight of the massive pyramids reaching up into the skies. Even more amazing is that these pyramids were so precisely constructed without the aid of modern technology.

It's difficult to imagine how these ancients even moved the huge stones that formed these structures, much more how they could be fit together with such accuracy. The only certainty is that it took time, planning, and a lot of effort.

Missionary work is somewhat like this labor of construction. We labor in a task such as discipleship with a goal in mind—making followers of Jesus, and we work at the jobs at hand—praying, teaching, training, and model-



ing. Sometimes, the goal seems very far away, and with the language, cultural, and ideological barriers we encounter, we wonder if we are making progress at all, but then there are days like last Sunday:

Dave was approached by a youth leader who was planning a week-long retreat. She related to him that she had appreciated the teaching that he had been giving and asked if he would be available to teach in the retreat in the same

way. Faithfulness in a local church conference led to the opportunity to influence a wider audience.

So pray for us as we move stones here in the Yucatan. Pray that the Lord will help us to work with faithfulness in all that we do, and that through this faithfulness, doors will open up to greater opportunities.



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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 future planning concerning the remainder of our term and our children's education

## relate

The kids are growing by leaps and bounds! Rebekah, Joseph and Jonathan each participated in the "Ant Race" with their track team. They're pictured here in their race t-shirts. Keep up with them on Kelly's site: <http://godzwakids.blogspot.com>.



## Chi Alpha Comes to the Yucatan

**University students headed to the Yucatan Peninsula during Spring Break...** "Where's the news in that?" you might ask, but in this case, the university students traded their sunglasses for paint rollers and their beach-front hotel rooms for grass-roofed huts in the landlocked community of Muna.

Once there, this Chi Alpha team, which just so happened to be led by Dave's twin brother Mike, jumped into the task, ministering to dozens of teens, youth, and adults alike. Their combination of a servant's heart and a willingness to convey the message of Christ's love regardless of the personal cost, opened doors among the

congregation of Lily of the Valley, pastored by Rev. Julian Puc.

Along with their ministry, the team also painted the new pastoral home while the old one was being demolished in order to make room for the expansion of the church building.

You can read more about the team and their story on our website at:

<http://www.disciplemexico.org/2007/03/back-with-a-story-to-tell.html>

