

The Simpsons Working in El Salvador

"Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Mark 10:47



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What do you do when you feel like you are all alone in the darkness with no answer nearby? Our pastor asked this question tonight as he preached and he said that, even in the darkness, God is there. He is waiting for us to cry out to Him. This is a hard world we live in; there is much uncertainty. Fear overwhelms us; we are powerless to overcome it. Bartimaeus was blind. He lived in darkness his whole life and, when Jesus passed by, he cried out for mercy!

People mocked him and even tried to hush him, but he cried louder. Jesus heard him. He came to the blind man and healed him. Nothing is too big for God, nor is it ever out of His control. I need to humble myself and come with a sincere heart and ask for mercy. In the darkness, He is still King, He is still God and He is always good. All I do many times is focus on me, my problems, my hurts. I was challenged tonight to put my sight on God, to cry out to Jesus, just cry out for mercy. He will rescue me and remind me of the truly important things in life - like loving others and setting my eyes on the eternal. I want to live my life honoring Jesus and depending on Him.

It has been a good and busy year so far. Jon is officially the MBI Director and he is overseeing and

teaching in two Institutes. One Institute is here in Santa Ana. They meet on Monday and Saturday nights. The other one is in San Salvador where Jon goes and spends the whole week teaching every night. So, the past four classes were taught by Jon, first here and then the same subject in San Salvador. He is exhausted when it is done, but the students are so excited I don't think he notices his own exhaustion. He has taken a little break to allow others to teach and to give him time to prepare the next few classes. Along with that, we are still meeting with the 'Young Marrieds' and the 'Dating Couples' groups. They are both going well.

By His Grace,

Jon + Kelly

Please Pray For Us

- God to provide and give us wisdom in our finances
- Wisdom as Jon and I work in the different ministries God has given to us
- Elizabeth and Jonathan as they grow in God and begin to live out their own faith



Santa Ana is a city of 250,000



The Kids from the School ↑



← (Me)

Sunday School Teachers ↓

Opportunity to give away socks!!!

In January, a team came and donated some money for us to go to a public school close to Santa Ana (which is actually next to the city dump) where we handed out socks and school supplies. The ladies of the church went with me and the kids were so excited. I go back to the school once a week and

teach English (well, kind of). We are hoping to have our VBS there this year. Pray for us as we would need many, many helpers.

Also, pray with me for the Sunday School teachers. We feel like God has challenged us to be more responsible with our own Spiritual lives.

It is more difficult than you think to be humble enough to examine your heart and allow God to reveal and speak. But, slowly God is making our hearts softer to His voice. The kids love Sunday School. Our biggest complaint is that the parents can't stay home on Sunday mornings because the kids want to go to their classes.

