



The Simpsons Working in El Salvador

INTERESTING FACTS:

- The neighborhood we live in is over 200 years old.
- The house we live in is considerably younger. It was built in the 50's.

Is this it, then? Somewhere between being consumed by work and distracted by leisure, the nagging feeling in the pit of our stomach surfaces, finding words to voice this question. Is *this* what my life is to be like? Work, my marriage, our family, His Church? What if my faith is only religious routine? Or my hope nothing more than wishful thinking? What if my love does not reach beyond the limits of culturally convenient courtesy? Is this it, or is there more? Certainly, only the heights of God's grace can fill the depths of my soul; the light of His love, the shadows of my heart. Recognizing this truth, you and I will ask and seek for an ever-widening, ever-deepening experience of Christ – His working, His loving, His understanding, His ruling. I pray that you would live in this fullness, and I ask that you would petition the Father on our

behalf also. Pray that we would walk in His Spirit and in the good works that He has prepared. Pray that we would speak boldly the Word that He has given to us. Also, please pray for our daily health and protection.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray for God's grace for us as we homeschool our kids.
- Pray for unity and a deepening of the relationships between the 'young marrieds' and us / the 'dating couples' and us.
- Praise God for good health and pray He would continue to keep us healthy.



New Ministries

Just as God opened the door for us to move to the city of Santa Ana, He is opening the hearts of people to the ministry of His Holy Spirit. During the months of September and October, we have begun to meet with and minister to two different groups in the church. The first are the 'young marrieds' (couples who have been married for less than 10 years). It is only by the Spirit of Jesus that we can experience unity in a group with such diversity of personality, profession and age (from 21 to 45). Please pray with us that God would raise up these couples to love and serve. The second group are the

young 'looking-to-be-marrieds'. According to Latino culture, the concept of dating is generally more serious than dating in the U.S. We meet with six dating couples on a regular basis to share about the differences of male/female relationship styles and the challenges and resulting opportunities for building trust and communication. Eleven of the twelve people are either just entering the professional workplace or finishing their studies to do so. This additional stress on top of a relationship is significant. Please pray as we minister to this group of 'twenty-somethings' in these specific areas. We thank God for you and for your prayers on our behalf. May God richly bless you according to His grace in the name of Jesus.

By His Grace,

Jon + Kelly