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October 1st was Children's Day in El Salvador, but just another day for us here. We started the morning with sports (tennis and swimming), then breakfast, home schooling and then lunch. Then came the shotgun afternoon. Elizabeth went to the church to work on a bulletin board, Jonathan to his drums lesson and Kelly to have coffee with the Nursery Coordinator to talk about what God is teaching us. Then everyone got rounded up to go home for a dinner of pupusas before the five of us (*our family of four plus our maid who recently accepted Christ and was baptized in our church*) headed off to church at 6:30 and home again around 9:00. (Meanwhile, Jon prepares for three teaching times this weekend - an MBI Class, the Dating Couples Group and a Ministry Group - and writes out end of the month reports and this prayer letter). I am sure that you can relate to such a busy day. Days such as these are our opportunities to seek and find God's grace in the middle of daily activities.

Our Dating Couples Group is going great. Two couples are getting married the end of November, so we have been meeting with each couple for pre-marital counseling, also. We hope that we will be able to continue to minister to them as they switch over to our Young Marrieds Group.

The Mobile Bible Institute is going well. With one class remaining in each of the two Institutes, Jon is in the middle of teaching his last class for this year. He has a good group with a lot of discussion time, which Jon really enjoys. After this class, we will concentrate on the administrative tasks for the year's end and the start up of next year.

Next week, we have a Child Evangelism Team coming. We will visit schools in the mornings and head out to the communities surrounding the schools in the afternoons and evenings. We hope to be able to minister on a more personal level to individual families, as well as have group presentations. Elizabeth and Jonathan will be joining us and we are all very excited.

United in Christ,

Jon + Kelly

**"Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart."
Jeremiah 29:12-13**

**"Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it."
Matthew 16:24-25**