

Montgomery Family update, July 2008

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Hello from our new location in Houston! Since my last newsletter we've crossed a lot of bridges (both literally and figuratively) in our move from El Paso to Houston. As you can imagine, there were many tears and hugs as we said "hasta luego" to friends and spiritual family in El Paso. I greatly miss them all. Thankfully the Lord has provided a healthy place for them to grow and mature in the Montwood church of Christ. I have no doubt that the Lord will continue to bless and care for his young flock there.

The physical move from El Paso to Houston went off with very few hitches (the biggest being a blown tire somewhere outside of Van Horn, TX). Through the moving process, God really reminded me of his perfect timing. It started by God letting us sell our mobile home a mere 2 hours before we set off toward Houston! A little later that evening, I think God pulled the U-haul up and down some hills in west Texas because it sure looked like the gas gage read "E." When I finally did reach civilization, He allowed me to be the last customer to buy gas at a deserted station. In fact, they were locking the doors as I left. A few hours later, God provided the last room at the last motel in Sonora, TX. The next afternoon, a mere 2 hours after we arrived into Houston we received news that we could pick up the keys to our house here and start unloading. This was particularly important because I was asked to attend the board meeting for the Institute scheduled to take place 2 hours after that! Somehow God got me to the meeting, and I was able to meet the board and let them get to know me. So as you can see, the days surrounding the move taught me some good lessons on how we serve a God who has perfect timing, even when that timing is not what we anticipate!

Since I arrived in Houston on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, I have been running ever since. I began teaching an Old Testament Survey course the Monday after arriving. I think everyone in class has been blessed by learning from David's ups and downs as the king of Israel. In addition to the class, I've been spending focused time getting acquainted with my task as administrator here. I do ask for your prayers to be able to retain all this new information and perform my new duties well.

I have mentioned this before, but I believe it is worth explaining what exactly will be my responsibilities here a second time. First, I will, of course, be involved in teaching Bible courses to Spanish-speaking students both here in Houston (in person) and around Latin America (via video-conferencing). Second, I will be seeking students to come participate in the full-time program here at the Texas Gulf Coast Bible Institute. Third, I will be acting as on-site administrator of the school. The director of the school, Steve Austin, will be moving from the Houston area next month. Due to the technology-based nature of the school, however, he will still be able to act as director from Abilene. On the other hand, I will have to take over some of the day-to-day duties that he has been involved in (paying bills, encouraging students, overseeing the physical building, etc.). He and I will be sharing some responsibilities that can be done from anywhere in the world (recruiting, fund raising, et al.). We are breaking some new ground, so we really need your prayers

On the home front, Alicia and Bethany arrived here the Saturday after I arrived (June 7). It has been great being together as a family again. Alicia finished her treatments in Dallas but has not seen any

benefit from them yet. In fact, due to the additional physical stresses of moving, her condition has worsened slightly. Hopefully with time she will begin to regain some strength. We continue to ask for your prayers as we settle into the new surroundings. Bethany is doing great and is settling in well in our new home. Also, in case you did not receive my email a few weeks ago, here is our new address and phone number:

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Webster, TX 77598  
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We are excited, and a bit nervous, as we embark on a new area of ministry. God has shown himself faithful thus far, and we have no doubt that he will remain so. Thank you for being part of our journey here. We love and miss you all.

Grace and peace,  
Kevin