

¡Hola hermanos (hello brothers and sister)! I truly hope that God's reign is showing in all you are and do. I also hope that you may prosper and be in good health just as your soul prospers.

I imagine that our month of August has been similar to many of your own— hectic but blessed. With school starting up again, I believe we are finally settling into a routine and getting used to day-to-day life here.

Our semester here at TGCBI began on August 18, and boy did it start with a bang! Our first class is Hermeneutics (how to study and apply the Bible) and is taught by Armando Alaniz here in Houston. Besides the students in our own classroom, we have students from Hidden Valley, TX; Lima, Peru; Little Rock, Arkansas; and Quito, Ecuador connected through videoconference. As if getting five different sites in three different countries coordinated wasn't complex enough, we decided to make a live recording of the class also. The reason for video-taping the course is to eventually offer it online as a self-study course for those who are unable to study with us on a full-time basis. The class I'm teaching, 2nd semester Greek, follows the Hermeneutics course. Thankfully, my class is much less technologically challenging because I do not connect to other sites. On the other hand, teaching Greek in Spanish has been a bit mind-bending at times. Alicia teases me about how much I am enjoying it, though! Actually in this class I am finally reaching a personal dream that I've been working towards for well over 10 years now. To finally be able to teach Greek to Spanish-speakers has been very exciting and rewarding. I really thank God for seeing me through to this day and beginning to use me to prepare others in the original language of the New Testament. If you are interested in seeing all of the courses we're currently offering you can go to our website at www.tgcbi.org and click on the link that says "Visit our current classes' web pages." We are also very excited to announce that as of this semester students in Lima, Peru and La Palma, El Salvador have begun taking courses with us as well. Praise God for additional open doors for the good news!

On the home front, our family has received a couple of unwanted visitors during the month of August, Eduard and Gustav. Thankfully these two hurricanes just prepared us for what to expect when a real hurricane hits as well as watering our yard for a couple of days! Also during August Bethany started 1st grade at her new school on the 25th and has loved it ever since! I asked her the other day what is her favorite part of school, and she could only limit it to "recess, computer lab, PE, library and, of course, snack time." She is really adjusting very well and is already finding other friends at school.

We especially want to thank you for your continued prayers for Alicia's health. Although she has begun going to a specialist here in Houston, we did not see any real improvement this month. We keep waiting, hoping and trusting in God. We know He is ultimately in charge and capable of sustaining all his children in difficult times. The cards you have sent mean so much to us and have greatly encouraged us both. Your love of our family is truly cherished and appreciated. We'll keep you posted on any changes. Please keep praying for us to have perseverance, and pray that we will gain spiritual insights through the experience.

Grace and peace,

Kevin, Alicia and Bethany Montgomery