

# **BAM Update**

July 19, 2021

In 12:24-26 "...but if it dies, it produces many seeds. <sup>25</sup> The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me."

Death is the gateway to life. Jesus' public ministry is coming to an end; He is preparing for the triumphal entry. He uses the kernel of wheat as an example that through death life may abound. It is paradoxical. This paradox is enhanced by those who love their life who will lose it and those who hate their life will keep it for eternity. Again, it contradicts common logic. It all makes sense with Jesus' closing comment that His servants will serve Him by following Him. This should be interpreted as those obedient servants who have died to their own will in order to become servants of Jesus' will and will be ultimately honored by His heavenly Father.

## **Poore Family**

Years ago, some close friends, co-missionaries decided to return to the States. They have not been back to Puebla in 15 years. Their family of 5 will be with us for the next two weeks. They are coming down to spend time with us and get re-acquainted as well as to help us do a lot of ministry during this time. They arrive late tonight and will be staying with us.

## **Last Pre-Marital Class**

This Tuesday, we will finish a 13-week pre-marital class with Daniel and Luz. We are so excited for them and their future lives together. They both love Jesus. Their wedding will be this Sunday and we really look forward to celebrating this day with them.

## **After School Program**

This week, we have a wonderful surprise for 30 some kids who have participated in our after-school-program. We were given 35 tickets to take the kids through Africam, the outdoor Safari. This will be the first time the majority of these kids will see these exotic animals and it is a wonderful way to end the school year with them.

## **Podcasts**

I will be doing three podcasts this week. I have been asked by a local businessman to do three short podcasts on personal leadership lessons that I have learned through the years. They must be personal, must touch on a leadership principle and each one will have a duration of 5-7 minutes.

## **Prayer Requests:**

1. Praise! We are thankful Zachary landed a job in sales and starts today. Pray that He does well and will make a significant contribution to the company.
2. Pray for Daniel and Luz and their wedding as well as their marriage.
3. Pray for the Poores as they uproot their lives for two weeks and minister with us here in Puebla.
4. Pray for our church planters as they launch their churches.