

Rondón Family Newsletter

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God is good! I am excited to tell you about all the things that God has been doing with us. First I want to begin by thanking those of you who have been supporting us financially and with prayer. Without you I would have been impossible. It is always a challenging to trust in the Lord for provision, and we have seen his hand at work. This last month the lord spoke to me though something that Bill Hybels said as he addressed leaders at the Leadership Summit. He said: "This path is hard, but it is where you need to be."

I want to start by telling you about my trip to El Salvador. I want to thank many of you that emailed and committed to pray for me during that time. It was a fruitful week. I was initially invited to teach a two day seminar but other opportunities were added to the list. I was also invited to preach an evangelistic message through clowning at 3 services. The church was CIA El Salvador. The seminars were a success; I was so excited that I nearly lost my voice after so much talking. We then had a service on Saturday night, and two on Sunday morning. They have to split the people because the building is not big enough to fit all in once service. The focus was evangelistic and people brought visitors. We had over 40 adults invite Christ into their hearts for the first time. A great number of kids also made decisions. Pray for Guillermo Siu, he is the children's pastor, as he ministers to these kids. On Sunday afternoon we went to a city park where hundreds of people gather every week. There we also shared the gospel with people of all ages. There was opportunity to make many person to person contacts. Please pray for Senior Pastor Javier Dominguez and his staff as they strive to reach San Salvador for Christ.

As the year 2006 ended we had many things to be thankful for. God opened many doors and opportunities for us to minister. We have been blessed to see our Bethany, Jerry and Emma grow healthy and cute. Jerry turned 2 in December and Emma turned 1 in January. What a joy! Marilyn now gets to spend more time with them since she no longer drives a school bus. She is now able to care for them full time and help me more. Also, in a miraculous way, the Lord has allowed for us to keep the health insurance provided through her former job for another 18 months.

January was "downtime" month. Not many things happening after Christmas. Churches are starting the year and figuring out their new budgets and calendars. So I get to stay mostly at home and be with the kids. It was many of you that have given and carried us through January. Thank you!

In February I was invited to teach and perform at "Joey to the World", a Christian Clown convention. People come from all over to be there and learn how to use creative new ways for ministry. I was blessed to be there and to learn from others that are serving the Lord through clowning. On Feb. 10 I was invited to preach for a youth event at First Hispanic Church of Athens, TX. We had a great time on the Lord. A young man and a young woman recommitted their lives to Christ. Pray for brother Javier and his ministry to youth in Athens.

Also I preached twice at Southeast Baptist Church. Is a Hispanic church in Fort Worth that has no pastor. Please pray for his congregation. There are about 4 committed families with a desire for growth and commitment to the Lord. Pray for them!



Bombín presenting the Gospel at a park in San Salvador.

In February I also had the privilege of being the guest speaker for a Church wide retreat. First Presbyterian Huntsville, TX invited me to their annual retreat in Trinity Pines. If you have been to Trinity Pines Baptist Camp you know how beautiful it is down there. We had a group of about 50 of all ages. I did my clowning and I also did some sessions not clowning. It was awesome! God was working with many lives there and we could all see it. I have received feedback from the church and they are very happy. You don't normally see a Clown being the guest speaker for a church-wide retreat. Thanks FPH for trusting the Lord and giving me the opportunity!

After the retreat I headed out to Hesperus, Colorado. It was the conclusion of my two-year commitment to Leaders Edge NT, with Tarrant Baptist Association, a group of pastors/ministers learning about leadership, discipleship, and accountability. We were truly blessed during that week. Truth be told, we had so much fun I almost felt guilty. Who says leadership development has to be boring?

To end the month of February, I was invited to Baptist University of the Americas to translate for the 2007 Rollings Lecture, a two day conference. I got to meet students getting ready for ministry and it was encouraging. We need Hispanic leaders to get educated and prepared for ministry. If you believe in education you may want to support BUA. www.bua.edu I was truly blessed to be there and to get to meet Dr. Justo Gonzalez and Dr. Alberto Prokovchuck. Thanks Bro. Gabriel for the opportunity.

Also I want to announce the new webpage. It is still in progress, but is already up. www.creativeevangelist.com Thanks Darren for your help with the webpage!

Family News

Lots of blessings for the family. Jerry and Emma are growing a lot. They are so big! Some people come over to us and say things about our "cute twins". We have to tell them there a year apart. I think it is because Emma is so tall and Jerry is so skinny. Bethany is 6 and counting. She is doing well at school and she says she wants to be a missionary. I think she is being influenced by the Awanas. We just pray that all three will be sensitive to God's voice when it comes time for those decisions.



Emma Isabel's First birthday. From Left: Bethany, Emma, Mom, Jerry, Rafael.

Marilyn is doing well too, she gets to do more ministry with me now that she does not drive a bus. She has lost 56 pounds since Emma's birth. What's the secret? Eat healthy and exercise. She battled with some health issues last year but God has lifted her and given her health. We want to thank those of you whom are always praying for us as a family. †

Upcoming Events:

- Mar 11: Spring Break Mission trip to Monclova., Mexico
- Mar. 18: Preach at Southeast Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, TX
- Mar. 24: Evangelism Conference – Portland, Oregon
- Mar. 28: Marilyn's Birthday
- Apr 1: First Baptist Lakeside, TX.
- Apr 6-7: Grafitti2 Ministry- Bronx, NY.
- Apr 12: Mission project Cheerful Clown Alley, Houston TX
- Apr 28: Trinity BC – Fort Worth, TX
- May 3-4: Mayfest. Fort Worth, TX
- May 5: Primera Baptist Church Fort Worth TX – Block Party
- May 7-12: Advanced Studies – Roanoke, VA ??
- Jun 1-9: Mission Trip – Torreon, Mexico
- Sept 12-17: Mission Trip – Navajo Nation, New Mexico
- Oct 27-31: Tramway Comm. Church – Albuquerque, NM

Please pray that more ministry opportunities will fill our schedule. Ministry is what also keeps our bills paid and our kids fed. It is likely that many ministry opportunities will arise for the summer away from our home. The plan is to travel as a family once Bethany is done with school. Pray that churches will not see that as a disadvantage, but as an opportunity to meet my better half.

Your Opportunity for Sowing :

There are many things that we would like to accomplish but resources are limited. If you believe in this ministry and would like to support, I am listing some of the things that we could use. If you or your church could sponsor any of these, please contact us. Here is the list:

- **Computer**- capable of video and music editing.
- **A portable sound system** – \$450.
- **A wireless microphone** – \$700.
- **A small Tow Trailer** – \$2000-\$3000.



- **Video projector** – for ministry presentations.
- **A week of training at Advanced Studies.** \$1,000
- **Build a storage Unit for Ministry Equipment**

Prayer Requests

With every newsletter we will include prayer requests. Please pray for our ministry and our family. Here are some requests.

1. **Rafael's health** – Lots of trips and different conditions. Pray that God keeps me healthy to serve and to care for the family.
2. **Ministry at Southwayside Baptist Church** – God is doing great things at SWBC. I continue to serve with the children on Wednesdays and with the music.
3. **Finances of Mission Trips** – pray that I will raise the money to go to the mission trips that I have been invited to. Pray that my family comes too (means more money).
4. **Travel safety** – Please pray for our safety as we travel around for ministry opportunities. Also, pray for Marilyn and the kids to survive while I'm gone.
5. **David Charles** – Please pray for David, he is a young man that I have been mentoring for the last 2 years in Mexico. He is very ill and cannot afford medical treatment. If you would like to help him, call me, I can tell you how.
6. **Finances** – Finances have been real tight since the beginning of this year. Pray for God to open more doors to work with churches that are capable to support me financially. Pray that God will call people to be a part of this ministry by financial commitment.

Prayer and Financial Support

I invite you to consider supporting our ministry through your prayers and or financial contribution. Our finances depend on the love offerings that come in from ministry opportunities. If you choose to give, you would be supporting what God is doing in our lives and will be part of every mission work that God enables us to participate in. In no way we want to take away from your tithes and what you give to support the ministry of your church.

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