

The McCubbins

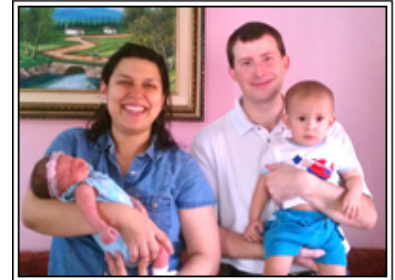
Reaching the lost and Training leadership

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Dear Supporters,

MEXICO: In July Mike made two trips to Mexico. It was his fastest turn-around time ever. He returned home from the first trip on the 10th and had to leave again on the 13th for the second. It was definitely a challenge to have him packed and ready to go again that quickly. Because the trip was split into two parts he was able to take a larger amount of Bible College materials with him, for which the pastors were extremely thankful. God blessed his meetings in both Chontalpa and Comitán.

THE BINZELS: The day after Mike returned from Mexico, Michael and Esther Binzel arrived with their little ones to begin their ministry here at Bible Baptist Church. We are really excited to have them here working with us. We trust you will keep them in your prayers.



NEW GRANDDAUGHTER: On August 13th, our daughter Shelly gave birth to a beautiful baby girl named Grace Mikayla Estrada. Due to complications with the delivery of Shelly's first baby two years ago, the doctors decided to perform a scheduled Caesarian-section and have a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit team in the operating room. We are so thankful for that decision. Everything seemed fine when they first delivered the baby, but a few minutes later she stopped breathing and it took them quite some time to resuscitate her. They kept her in the NICU for about 4 hours and then determined that she was finally stable enough to be taken to her mother.

But the baby's problems weren't over. She was very hungry but couldn't eat. She was 8 hours old before one of the nurses looked in her

mouth and discovered that little Grace has a cleft palate which means that she has a hole in the roof of her mouth. This makes feedings very difficult because she's unable to suck properly. They tried a special type of bottle that allowed Shelly to actually squeeze milk into her mouth, but she continued to lose weight. In fact, she lost a full pound in her first 2½ weeks of life. She was referred to Children's Hospital where they recommended a different kind of bottle for her special needs and she finally started gaining weight.

We are very thankful that the type of cleft palate that Grace has only involves the *soft palate*. That is much easier to repair than a total cleft palate. She will have surgery to repair her palate when she is about 8 months old. In the very near future she will have tubes put in her ears to try to keep the risk of infection down. Please pray for little Grace and for the team of doctors at Children's Hospital that are now overseeing her care. We thank God so much for His goodness towards us in sparing her precious little life. She has already brought so much joy to our family!

HONDURAS: Mike had to leave for Honduras the day after Grace was born because he had an appointment with the Consul General. The purpose of the meeting was to try to get a visa for Pastor Carlos Maldonado so that he could come to the States to speak in our church as well as a number of other Spanish speaking churches. Carlos has been a real blessing to us. He pastors a large church in Puerto Cortes, Honduras and he also helps Mike by overseeing our Bible College extensions throughout Central American. He's able to field most of the questions the pastors have concerning the curriculum and thereby cut Mike's work-load tremendously. Carlos has been trying for years to get a visa but the American Embassy keeps turning him down. We had hoped it would help if Mike went with Carlos to meet with the Consul General, but it did not. He was once again denied a visa.



THANK YOU: In closing we want to thank you for laboring together with us through your prayers and faithful gifts. You are a tremendous blessing to us!

Your servants and His,

Mike and Elaine McCubbins