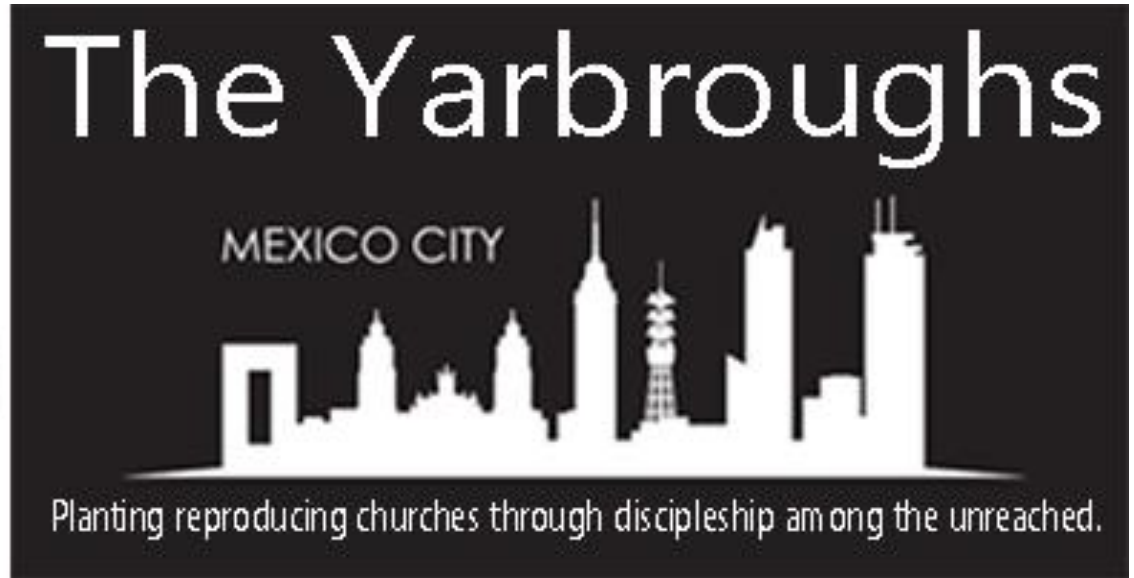




Vanessa & Bear
Merida , Belle &
Max



Prayer Request Week of Dec 3rd, 2017



Thanksgiving is always better with friends.

Friday Prayer Pic

Starting with the Thanksgivings and moving into the Christmas season, there are so many easy opportunities for us to be intentional with those around us. Plus, American Thanksgiving is always so much better with a table full of friends and Wifey's made from scratch pumpkin pie. This year we were blessed to be able to make great connections with people from Doxa and a friend from CEPE to give a truly multicultural experience to the holiday this year. Sitting around the table were people from the States, Canada, Mexico, Brasil, Holland, and someone who grew up in China. The stories and laughter from a group like this was a taste of what we long for the Church to be in the world. A place where our differences are celebrated and those still far from God can experience the truth of what Jesus means when he states that "people will know that you are My disciples if you have love for one another. (John 13:35)"



Belle and Merida as pilgrims in their Thanksgiving school presentation.

Please Pray

Like Maximus who felt trapped in a cage of his own making (see picture below; he crawled in there himself), I believe the Church can similarly feel immobilized; shackled by fear, busyness, traditions, innovation, lies, etc. Pray that the Church in North America will be liberated from these shackles by living in and applying the gospel to themselves and for the community around them. Pray that the Church would be discerning and intentional in this holiday season to freely share the gospel that we profess to be celebrating. Pray that we would be intentional in the opportunities that God gives us to share His love with those far from Him and to demonstrate His love with our community of faith so that together we "grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body (the church), joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working together properly, makes the whole body grow so that it builds itself up in love. (Eph. 4:15-16)"

