



PICTURE CAPTIONS: Picking mulberries, Eliana's broken arm, swimming, homeschool fieldtrip, snow-90 minutes from El Paso, Jen's Dad with Eliana and Noah-El Paso and Juarez, Mexico in the background, biking through the neighborhood

# PARSA UPDATE JUNE '10

Greetings from sunny El Paso! We've been here 5 months now and are excited about the many opportunities God continues to place before us.



### Kid's Prayer Meeting

Eliana and Noah returned from PNG with an expanded view of what God is doing in the world and a desire to be a part of it. Eliana told Mom one day that God gave her an idea to have a prayer meeting for kids to pray for their relatives who didn't know Jesus. It has been wonderful to see their excitement and prayers deepen as they have learned how to pray and how to explain Bible verses to others (picture at left).

### Homeschooling

God has introduced us to several homeschooling families who have been a great support to Jennifer as she has navigated through the difficult transition back to life and homeschooling in the US. We praise God for unifying our vision for our family here and motivating us to continue homeschooling. Jennifer is looking at a couple opportunities for monthly volunteer pediatric work, but is grateful for the opportunity to be able to give her full attention to the family.

### University Medical Center Emergency Dept

Michael has enjoyed his role in the emergency department coaching students and resident doctors through their patient encounters. Many of the students, residents and staff have noted how he takes extra time to explain things and models compassionate empathy towards patients. Of course there is plenty of ER-style action, especially with all the violence in Juarez, Mexico. Can you believe that people get shot/stabbed/bombed in Mexico, dropped off at the border crossing, and rushed to our hospital for (free) trauma care?! It happens all the time! At right Michael is assisting a resident in intubating a critical patient.



### Michael is the new emergency medicine course director at the Texas Tech University School of Medicine.

He's busy preparing for the one-month course for students in their final year of medical school. His first lot of students begins in August. It is currently an elective but will become required for all Texas Tech students in 2012. Michael expects to have over 100 students annually when the program is in full swing.



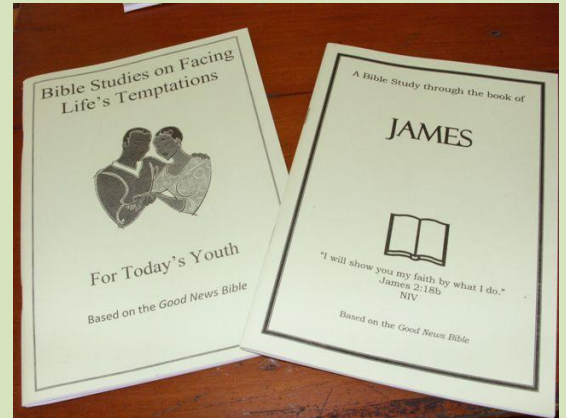
### Christian Medical Students

We have enjoyed getting to know many of the students through our involvement with the Christian medical students. The group was getting started just as we arrived and regularly has 20% of the new first year class coming for Bible study meetings! This semester we studied the book of Daniel which had great application to their daily lives. We have enjoyed hosting them at our home and building relationships with them, encouraging them to view life as an incredible opportunity to impact the world for our King!



### The latest from PNG

Our thoughts and hearts are still closely connected to our life in PNG. If you look around our house, you will see PNG everywhere (we have tried to recreate a jungle in the desert, at Eliana's request!). Thank you for continuing to pray for the work at Rumginae Hospital. They are facing particular challenges regarding recent deaths, staffing issues and confronting false teaching in the church. Please continue to pray for Drs. Addy and Sharon in the hospital, the MAF pilots and families flying into some of the most difficult airstrips in the world, Dr. Rosie and the Carters who are doing important work with church leaders, and the Priest family as they prepare to return to Rumginae from furlough in a couple of months. The Bible study books we prepared before leaving (at right) are in use and we understand God is using them to touch many lives. Praise God!



*Thanks for your continued prayers for us!*



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