

Spotlight on: Daniel and Alexandra! September 2007

Serving in Mexico City with:



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Many of you ask about our son Daniel and our daughter Alexandra. Since we are going on home service at the end of the year and many of you will be seeing them soon, we thought we would let you get to know a little bit more about our very own 'MKs'.

Daniel is twelve years old. His birthday is in January. He is now taller than his mother and is catching up to dad, too!

Alexandra is seven years old and her birthday is in March. She has what must be the pinkest room in the whole world.

We were disappointed when we came that there weren't good quality Christian schools available. But they are both attending a local private bilingual school. They get up at 5:30am (!) to get ready for the bus. Alexandra comes home at 3:30pm and Daniel at 4:30.

Half of their classes are in English and half of their classes are in Spanish. Both are doing very well in their studies. Here is an 'interview' that I conducted with them:

What do you like about life in Mexico City?

Daniel: The people here are friendly and nice.

Alexandra: I like it that I have a lot of friends.

What is your favorite subject in school?

Daniel: Technology because we get to make things like televisions and see how computer chips work. I like my school. They give us a lot of homework, but I like it because all my friends are there.

Alexandra: Computer. I like school too, because of my friends.

What are your favorite foods?

Daniel: Steak and cheese tacos, quesadillas and choriqueso (melted cheese with sausage).

Alexandra: Tacos al pastor, Cheetos with chile, fruits and vegetables.

Website update from Dave:

"I learned some HTML and CSS this summer and remodeled our website. It has a whole new, uniform look. And by combining our Spanish and English sites, I was able to shorten the name to <http://www.giffmex.org>. I also added a couple new features: for example, all our old prayer letters since 2004 are available online in pdf and Word formats. And the pages for the TiddlyWiki resources we mentioned in the last prayer letter now have screenshots and descriptions." We hope you enjoy our site!

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(interview with Daniel and Alexandra cont'd)

What music do you like?

Daniel: Chris Tomlin, and I like contemporary Spanish music.

Alexandra: Hannah Montana, Pure NRG.

What are some favorite moments of your time here in Mexico ?

Daniel: Talking to girls; visits from Grandma and Grandpa, going to the El Rollo water park, Six Flags and Gotcha paintball.

Alexandra: When 'Mama and Papa' come, my birthday parties, going to the water park.

What was a tough moment for you since you came here?

Daniel: When we first came here, I didn't want to be here.

Alexandra: When Bernardo [a classmate] tries to hug me.

Do you like to take the bus to school?

Daniel: No, it's boring.

Alexandra: Yes, because I get to talk to my friend Winnie.

What do you like about church?

Daniel: I like the sermons.

Alexandra: I like it because God is in church with us. And I like it because I get to see my friends Daniela and Adam.

Thank you all for your ongoing prayers and financial support. Thanks too to all who have written, e-mailed, called or visited us. We are so thankful to God that we have such a wonderful support team. Blessings to all of you as you bear God's image.

In Christ,

*Dave, Blanca,
Daniel & Alexandra*

Special needs we have

We are going to live in Jenison, MI on home service starting the end of December, and **we would like to find housing**, preferably furnished, that we can use from then until late June. If you know of any possibilities, please e-mail us or call Dave's mother at (616) 669-5113.

While on home service **we hope to sell our mission vehicle and purchase another**. If you would like to make a donation, you may mail it to Christian Reformed World Missions (address above) and specify that it is for the Giffords' vehicle fund. Thank you to all of you who have already donated – we need \$18,000 and have about \$2,800 raised as of July.

Please **pray for Blanca's insomnia** which continues to trouble her.

Our prayer requests and notes of praise are updated monthly at our website. The page is: <http://www.giffmex.org/prayer.html>