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Stepping up

Far from home

Kids keep on growing...

We don't usually focus on family things, but we'll use this time in our lives to talk about Family and connect that with the church in Puebla. We've just left Drew off at Cedarville University in Ohio. It's a big moment for him and for us as a family, yet it's also one for which we've been preparing some 17 years. Part of parents' God-given job is to eventually see our children off into the world, to reach a [Genesis 2:24](#) moment at some point in time. That, of course, will look very different in every human culture and setting, but in our US culture, *going off to college* is a step in that way. From going off to 1st year kindergarten in Puebla at 2 (!) to a very challenging, college-like Mexican high school and a HS semester in the US, our goal has been to...get Drew out of the house! Ha! But seriously, we, along with only about a million other parents, send him off with a mixture of tears and pride and gratitude. We are so thankful for Drew's character and growth and for the Lord's great grace and provision in his life.

Ministry "Kids"



Family fact: Glessners in America since the 1700's!

PRAISE

1. Drew in college!
2. Time in US
3. Edgar & Roberto's service

PRAYER

1. New Elders: E & R
2. Physical church restart
3. Drew in college!

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In ministry, our goal is actually not too different. We firmly believe that in Christian ministry—be it pastoring in a home country or leading abroad—one of a leader’s first priorities is to identify and disciple others to replace himself (or herself). The Church is Christ’s, never ours, and faithful stewardship of the ministry roles He permits us also means giving those roles back to Him (and others). At *Pueblo de Esperanza* this year, COVID-19 has definitely complicated that process. Nevertheless we see the need to continue with it and in the next month or so we are prayerfully to bring two men, Edgar & Roberto, into leadership as elders. They have exhibited spiritual maturity, wisdom, humble service for several years now in the church. We are trying to follow the directions and description of Paul in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. Lord willing, this is a big step in the church’s growth to independence (from us!).

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New dorm dweller.

Don't Miss Drew's Video!

Drew is going to be studying Broadcasting & Digital Media at Cedarville. Over the last year or so he's gotten in some practice. He did this 4-minute [video](#) introducing Puebla, himself, and his siblings. Click the link for a neat look at our work from the kids' perspective.

PRAISE

1. Drew is in college!
2. Our time in the US has been safe and refreshing. Our batteries have been recharged.
3. For Edgar & Roberto and their mature and wise role already in our church.

PRAYER

1. For the leadership transition of Edgar & Roberto as new elders.
2. For the development and implementation of a plan to start bringing us together physically as a church.
3. For Drew's beginning at Cedarville, that he will grow in every way.

Thank you for your prayers!

Tim, Barbara-Lee, Drew, Gavin, Fiona

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