## Mark \& Brenda Hall

Guadalajara, Mexico

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We thank God for calling us to serve Him in Mexico and we are grateful to you for holding us up in prayer. Life has mostly returned to normal. Our kids returned to in-person classes this spring. Gaby finished high school. Despite the time lost, she enjoyed this stage of life and made some good friends. Kelsey is doing well too. His basketball coach moved him up to a team with kids 4 years older than him. We went to a school function with him the other day and saw that he has a lot of friends. Kelsey was encouraging them before a speech each one had to make. We are glad that he is starting to take his grades seriously. We are so proud of them. After 3 years of being kept apart, Brenda was recently able to visit her family in Guatemala City and travel to check on our friends in Totonicapán. More good news: the four of us were given permanent Mexican residency. This means we can come and go more
 freely and stay here as long as we like.

I am enjoying teaching the Bible each Sunday. We are seeing a growing sense of unity at English Fellowship. As I wrote earlier, the largest national group at church are young tech professionals from India. Most of them are single, in their 20s. A few have a spouse and child back in India. They like it here so much that they are applying for their families to join them here.


Leaders at English Fellowship of Guadalajara

A while back I felt that our Indian members needed to feel more included at church so I invited several of them to help in leading our Sunday services: giving the initial welcome and announcements, saying certain prayers, and reading a benediction. This seems to have helped them know that they are valued and accepted. We enjoy their enthusiasm and sense of humor.

## How to pray for us:

$\checkmark$ Gaby's first day of university is August 1. Her campus is close to our home. She has become an excellent student but is understandably nervous. Pray for God's gift of peace and for good friends.
$\checkmark$ Brenda ends up in charge of about 100 details at church. Pray that the right servant leaders would come forward to help.
$\checkmark$ Pray that God will continue to grow our little church.

En el amor de Cristo,

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