

SHOLA!

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A new year begins

The September rains have started, the intense heat of summer has eased, Independence Day paraphernalia is on sale and the academic year has begun.

Here's a snapshot of what the "new" year looks like for each of us in Mexico.

Pete The new semester has started for Pete's seminary class and he is teaching Paul's Letters - all of them. MOCLAM groups continue in Aguascalientes (Anglicans) and a regular group here in Monterrey at an independent church. Intensive classes will be held in Peru and Panama over the next few months, as well as a small number of students making use of new online materials MOCLAM is developing. In a couple of weeks Pete will be a guest of the ACNA (Anglican Church of North America) at a synod in New Mexico, and will have the opportunity to explain MOCLAM to a diocese that has an interest in Spanish-speaking ministry, and oversees the Anglican churches in and around Aguascalientes.

Sarah New opportunities to be teaching the Bible have exploded and in September I'll be leading 4 Bible studies a week, a training group and two 1-1 meetings. It feels like it could be too much, but two of the groups will be short term, so I'm looking forward to the challenge. I'm particularly pleased that the Mums and Bubs group, which has always been fragile, has a

resurgence of life and Fari, who came once all of last year, came this week. I also have new opportunities for evangelism as I've joined a zumba class in the park (lots of fun and varied talent (none!) is fine). I'm enjoying the interaction with local women, most of whom are older than me. Mine, Julieta and Xochitl

(pronounced Soch-il) have expressed interest to come to Bible study, but so far it seems like Mexican politeness.

Lucy has begun the final year of IB and is confronted by a heavy load of internal assessments, a 4000 word investigation and study for final exams in May. But she still manages to be involved in the Prepa play, will play violin for Jam (the song and dance spectacular), and enough baking to earn money.

Miriam has begun her first year of Prepa and is loving the greater academic stimulation and a good bunch of new friends. She's throwing herself into absolutely everything and

is playing basketball, participating as staff in conferences for secondary students, playing violin for Jam (and maybe viola for the university orchestra) and making brownies to sell. She's continuing to teach violin to the student who Karina started, and has an English student as well.

Please pray

- Give thanks for a restful summer with fun adventures.
- Thanks for many Bible teaching opportunities for Pete and Sarah and pray that they'll be diligent in preparation, faithful to God's word, humble before God and loving of the people they teach.
- Pray the Anglican synod will be enthusiastic to support the training of clergy and leaders using MOCLAM
- Pray for Mums and Bubs women to come regularly to Bible study and be keen to grow.
- Pray for Sarah's new relationships with the zumba women and that God will bring them to Bible study and know Jesus.
- Give thanks that Lucy and Miriam are into the Prepa rhythm and can be involved in good extra-curricula activities.
- Pray for Lucy with her heavy workload that she can be well organised, work efficiently and manage stress with calmness.
- Give thanks that Karina is thriving at UNSW, delighting in Campus Bible Study and serving in ministry.



Summer holiday included Miriam's XV trip to England and Slovenia - here we are at Highclere Castle (Downton Abbey).

Lucy spent 2 weeks studying politics at Yale.

