

# Missionary Volunteer Program



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Dear Church Family,

Thank you all for your faithfulness to God and for your consistent encouragement to us!

Joanie had spine surgery on Feb 24<sup>th</sup> and recovered so well that she was sent home the next day! Her body is feeling sore and tender and she has to be careful to keep her neck very stable for several days, but her overall recovery period is expected to progress quickly, and she will be very mobile again in just a matter of weeks.

Thank you, friends, for your prayers. <3

Our week in Texas at the Parkside Baptist Church Missions Conference was a wonderful time of fellowship and encouragement.

We were with five other missionary families and busy with ministry duties and several fellowship events, too. The church honored and spoiled all of us missionaries, and they fed us good Texas cooking each day. We had a group outing to the infamous Texas School Book Depository in Dallas. What an education it was to review all the key events of the last assassination of a US President.

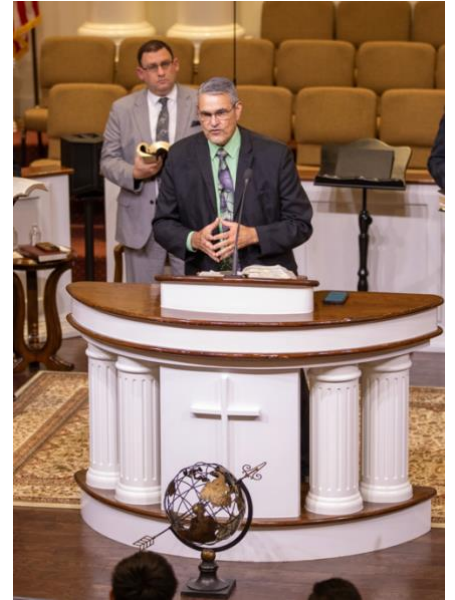
I was blessed to preach/speak six times. I ended up speaking three times to the Spanish congregation and we really connected with these folks! I had to condense some of my preaching since everything I said had to be translated to Spanish. We love their Spanish Pastor, Bro Fernandez, and his family.

Through Parkside's Bible college, Lone Star Baptist College, Pastor Mike Wells presented me with an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree! They made the ceremony special with an appropriate level of pomp and circumstance! What a great honor it was to receive that degree. I wore the graduate's cap and gown and was very thankful in every way.

Joanie and I have been working on our final plans for our upcoming "three-in-one" mission trip, running from mid-April through mid-July; we'll serve a short ministry time in Oahu with two churches, pulpit-filling in Guam for two and a half months, and then another short mission trip in Manila, Philippines, on our way home. While in Guam we plan to encourage several other pastors and missionaries during our time there.

Also this month I was the guest speaker at a local Christian Mens' luncheon, and we had missionaries from Trinidad stay with us for a few days.

We couldn't do these wonderful things without your support. Thank you, again.



For a Greater Harvest,  
*Dr. Darrell Bolton*