

# APRIL 2025 THE SCHIERKOLKS

Más Dios muestra su amor  
Para con nosotros,  
que siendo aún pecadores.  
Cristo murió por nosotros.

— Romanos 5:8

JEREZ, ZACATECAS, MEXICO



"Yo soy —  
la resurrección  
y la vida.  
el que cree en  
aunque esté muerto  
vivirá.  
¿Crees esto?"

— Jesucristo. S

*"We should pray when we are in a praying mood; for it would be sinful to neglect so fair an opportunity. We should pray when we are not in a proper mood; for it would be dangerous to remain in so unhealthy a condition." -Charles Spurgeon*

## A critical crisis

When Doña Esther passed away last fall, one of her granddaughters plummeted into a deep crisis. She was in the middle of her confirmation course with us, but her faith was dealt a devastating blow. Despair and rage seemed to be her guiding lights. Barb and I had several intense visits with her and also with her mother. In all honesty, I also felt like I'd had the wind knocked out of me over the course of the next couple of months trying to help her hold on to Jesus and His words. By ... the ... grace ... of ... God, she appears to have stabilized to a great degree. She's not out of the woods yet, but she's still at home, and she's still actively participating in the confirmation classes.



**Easter eggs with the kids**

## Another unexpected lost sheep

As I was leading the Easter Sunday worship, I had my head down looking at the hymn we were singing, when suddenly something blocked the sun and caused a shadow to appear. It was a large young man who has not been in church for about three years! He and his wife just found out they are expecting a baby. He is

one of those sheep Ezekiel talks about who were scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. (Ez. 34:12)

## An urgent trip

Our six-month-old granddaughter had been sick for about a week and wasn't getting better. She was admitted to the hospital, and Barb and I flew up to help with the other kids. Doctors determined that she had likely ingested a rare toxin usually found deep in the soil in certain areas, but brought to the surface at construction sites. The neighborhood where her family lives has a lot of digging and laying of cables. In God's mercy, she was released from the hospital after a week and a half. She is currently in physical therapy to recover her strength and muscle movement.

Thank you so much for helping us in prayer and for your gracious gifts toward our support. And thank you for your encouraging Christmas cards and birthday greetings for Barb.

*-For Jesus and His kingdom,  
Todd and Barb Schierkolk*



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