



Chiapas Chatter

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**"Rejoice in hope,
be patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer..."
Romans 12:12 (ESV)**

Prayer and Praise

- ✓ Nancy's mom, Margaret Poling, was taken home to the Lord in December. She just slipped quietly away. Nancy was able to be in Michigan for the funeral.
- ✓ Our house in Eau Claire is sold!
- ✓ Our Journey group (Jornada) finished strong and we continue to be in contact via Whatsapp.
- Tom's sister, Kathy Miller, had a stroke January 8th. She is home from the hospital but recovery will be a long process. Please pray for her and her husband, Greg.
- Pray for one of the ladies in Nancy's last Journey group. She lives in Honduras and her family is receiving death threats from drug gangs. Pray for a hedge of protection around them.
- April 8th, a new International Spanish Journey (Jornada) will start. Nancy will be co-leading a group for 10 Saturday mornings. Pray for the participants, that the Lord would prepare their hearts for the work He wants to do in their lives.
- We will be in Michigan in April and Virginia in May to visit supporters and our supporting churches. Pray for our flights on April 5th and May 31st. Pray for traveling safety.

If you want us to speak at your church, please contact us as soon as possible to get on the calendar.



"And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from the top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing Him, saw that in this way He breathed His last, he said, 'Truly this man was the Son of God!' "

Mark 15: 38-39 (ESV)

I have been mulling over this section of verses for Holy Week, and here is a bit of my manna. These aren't final thoughts, but jumping off points for more study and more meditation.

- I never cease to be amazed at how God loves a world that has rejected Him, calling them to Himself and removing the barriers to their faith - even me!
- There has been historical debate about what veil/curtain was torn/rent. The veil that Josephus describes was decorated with a depiction of the heavens.
- Mark describes the heavens opening at Jesus' baptism and the veil being torn/rent at His death, with the same word.
- Consider the impact of the underlined words in the text (my addition).
- Jesus referred to Himself as the temple. "Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.'" John 2:19 (ESV). Hebrews 10:20 refers to His body as the veil.
- Jesus is the Final Temple, the Final Sacrifice, and our High Priest; His human body that veiled His true identity was torn apart so that even a Roman centurion proclaims His deity. Unbelievers were witnesses to the Holiness of Jesus Christ.

***May we stand in awe at the torn veil,
and like the centurion, declare that
Jesus is the Son of God!***

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