

# THE CHILI PEPPER

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## Hardship's Blossoms

Karen's Font | May 27, 2021

*God is creator of the earth and His creation will not be suppressed.*

Spring has come to Los Domos! Even though there was frost at the lake a few weeks ago (because of our 7,000 foot altitude), many flowers are in full bloom: Amaryllis, Alstroemerias (Peruvian Lily), Bird of Paradise, Calla Lily, Lavender, Orchids, Osteospermum, Roses and Sweet Alyssum. **God and his glory always shines through even in the difficult times.**

In spite of Sunday restrictions, some churches stayed open on Sunday mornings. Other pastors turned to having services on Saturday. Our pastor friend, Nico, brought his growing church out to Los Domos to hold a baptism service some weeks ago. He continues to move forward, in God's power, to share the gospel. The Sion church lost its rented location, did virtual services, and has just this month, opened live in a new place, expectant, facing up toward the Son.

Personally, the hardship of March 2020, when our son Caleb died, was made so poignant one year to the day when a couple of his siblings presented a [children's book](#) he wrote. Nathan provided an afterword, Cherith illustrated it, we read it... and cried off and on all day. Spring showers? Time will tell. (See below for a note from David.)

**May you find God's peace and utilize his grace in these days to demonstrate his love to those in your world.** May we be overcomers this year!

In His Service,  
Karen  
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## Today's Seeds, Tomorrow's Flowers

Training | Spring, 2021

Camps here in Mexico have been affected by restrictions, but not as you might think. Numbers, yes have been reduced for now. But perhaps strategically, numbers of kids that will go to camp have potentially increased. In January and April, we had intense training for a handful of potential camp directors. **These never-before directors will in turn train their own counselors from their own churches and host their own camps with their own kids.** The next directors training is to be in July. One small camp has already been realized in the state of Hidalgo. So far people from five states have participated.

In a related matter, **the new directors need a source of material for training their counselors.** So David is developing a counselor training website using software developed by Wycliffe that facilitates multilingual presentations.



## Yesterday's Seeds, this Summer's Harvest

Events | Spring 2021

The church we attended when we lived in Patzcuaro is considering Los Domos and Camp Duffel support for its summer camp. Nearly 20 years ago we helped with the day camp at that church. 🌱



## Family Outdoor's Club

Ministry | Spring 2021

People from the capital city of Morelia have looked very kindly on the idea of escaping to the mountains for a short time with their family. Family Outdoor Club at Los Domos has benefited the families but has also given Los Domos a wider exposure. 🌱



## The Bubble Garden

One Year Later | March 23, 2021

Our children surprised us with this incredible gift on the anniversary of Caleb's passing. This children's story was written by Caleb several years back, we think around 2014 when his son was very young. It is a story of hope and of letting go and as our eldest, Nathan, wrote in the Afterword, "*I'm sure the reference was not lost on Caleb; he always chose his written word with care and intention. Even this children's story is packed with meaning. Sit with it for a while and let it soak in. Perhaps from a sliver of glass or a shimmer of soap, you just may find a reflection of Caleb, our bubble that burst too soon.*"

### Time Will Tell: Answering Why with Trust

By David Caldwell

Living in time produces a humility that respects and considers the fiber of the universe as both connective and constructive. The sinew of God's creative opportunity for me and his sovereignty over and through me produce a learning and deference that make me the same as all others and uniquely special. The harm that befalls the cylinder of my mind and emotions may extinguish the flame from the wick of my soul on occasion. But the vapor of my being lies protected. His watchful eye knows me. His strong arm guards. His vigilant presence surrounds. His mighty hand lifts up. This is life.

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