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Dear friends and partners,

Warning: This update will be a little unconventional. Because *soooooo much* has happened since I last wrote, this letter will very quickly hit highlights from my life and ministry over the past couple of months:

- Jazlynn and I tied the knot on May 9<sup>th</sup>! God is good and I have had a wonderful first six weeks of marriage. I couldn't imagine being happier or loving someone more!  
We now live in Schaumburg and serve on Sundays with the Spanish ministry at The Orchard EFC in Arlington Heights.
- We honeymooned in Costa Rica, where we enjoyed (among many other things) the beach, great wildlife, living in the town with the (self-proclaimed) "best weather in the world", and finally being done with wedding prep!



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## Ecuador Update

While I did not travel with LRI's team to Ecuador this April/May due to the wedding, our ministry down there continued to thrive.

In addition to the training in Ephesians, **our Portoviejo group launched their own training with 25 leaders from other churches/denominations in their city.**

Some described the bringing together of several denominations with previously weak relationships "a miracle." We thank God for the uniting power of His Word and are excited to see how stronger

relationships among church leaders and a new excitement for preaching Scripture will help the gospel grow in Portoviejo (a city of 200,000+). Pray for God to continue to work in the hearts of those we train and those they train.



A couple photos from our honeymoon in Costa Rica

While our team was in Portoviejo, a TV station (Television Manabita) asked for an interview and a preacher. So not only did we train our usual group in Portoviejo, but God's Word was proclaimed through the airwaves to TV sets across the province of Manabi! (See photo below.)



Patricio (left photo) was interviewed, Juan (middle photo) preached from Philemon, and Oscar (our trainee on the right) served as our strategic connection.

## Update on The Gospel Coalition Conference (April 12-15)

Five LRI staff and I had a great time at The Gospel Coalition conference (and Spanish pre-conference) in Orlando connecting with like-minded pastors and sharing about our training in expositional preaching. Here are three quick highlights:

1. Our presence at the conference has generated several **fruitful connections, the most evident of which being the training group we are starting in Guatemala this September!**
2. The Gospel Coalition's Spanish website had a special event for website contributors to fellowship and pray. We heard stories of how God is using this site as a beacon of light in all of Latin America and how many people are now thinking through (some for the first time) faith and ministry from a biblical perspective. I'm thankful that my contributions to that site can help LRI, The Gospel Coalition's Spanish reach, and all of Latin America!
3. The conference was a great time to strengthen relationships with a variety of people: a handful of blogger friends I know and interact with on Twitter, other missionaries from all around Latin America, and ministry partners. We spent considerable time with Tony Payne (author of *The Trellis and the Vine*) and Marty Sweeney, both of Matthias Media, our publishing partner, talking about how our training of leaders meshes with their disciple-making focus.



Praying with other writers from around Latin America for God's Word to run through the Gospel Coalition blog! (Yellow arrow points to me)



## Training at The Orchard EFC

Earlier this month, The Orchard Evangelical Free Church (my home church and sending church) hosted a preaching workshop and asked LRI to help lead several sessions through the book of Jonah. I had the opportunity to teach the first session introducing the book of Jonah and several of our hermeneutical principles.

This was my third time going through Jonah with LRI and I was amazed at how God's Word speaks powerfully every time we open it up. (I'm also glad that a handful of people on my update list were able to attend and get more fired up about the work Leadership Resources is doing!)

## A few other highlights from a busy past few months...

- I had the honor of serving as a co-best-man and officiate for my brother Kenny's wedding on June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- This summer at The Orchard's Spanish ministry, I will be preaching on Titus 2:11-14 on June 28<sup>th</sup> and giving Bible training in Jonah (much like The Orchard's other workshop) at the end of July.
- I've been blogging. Visit my blog (<http://www.kevinnhalloran.net>) to see [what I'm reading this summer](#) or [what playing dodgeball taught me about growth in Christ](#).



Myself, my brother Kenny, Kelly (Haen) Halloran, and my beautiful wife Jazlynn

## Partnership Update

On June 22, I found out that I reached my goal for my second year of partnership development and am at \$2,185 in monthly support! This means I'm about 2/3 of the way there and need roughly \$1,100 more in monthly support to be fully funded. Thank you so much for your partnership in this ministry and your sacrifices to make what I do possible. Jazlynn and I are so blessed to have so many faithful partners in the gospel.

## Prayer Requests:

- Pray for continued growth and fruit in ministry.
- Pray that Jazlynn and I would grow closer to each other and to the Savior in our first few months (and years!) of marriage.
- Pray for the Spanish ministry to continue to develop and that our summer ministry would be fruitful and strengthen our group in Christ and His Word.
- Pray that I would reach full support soon.
- Pray for our rebranding process and wisdom for the communications department as we seek to expand our growing ministry

How can I pray for you? Please email me any prayer requests:[khalloran@leadershipresources.org](mailto:khalloran@leadershipresources.org).

The wonderful words of Psalm 130 have been on my heart of late. Here are verses 3-4:

*If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?  
But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.*

In His service,

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