

# SHOLLA!

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## Normal life returns

It's September and the intense heat of summer is waning and the torrential rains have begun. 4/5 of the Sholls are now back in Monterrey and we're getting reestablished in normal life.

**Lucy** has been immersed in IB for a month and has felt the pressure of a higher workload, more extra curricular activities, and a the joy and hype of Pep Rally, a massive dance show. This week is exams and the start of rehearsals for a salsa competition and for Jam (an 80s song and dance show with her on violin).

**Miriam** is in week 3 and had the first fund raising activity she organised at school, went to a big Mexican concert with a friend, and started rehearsals for Jam (also playing violin). She's also started the application process for Prepa (starting Aug 2019) and the study for the scholarship exam. This week she'll restart her English classes with 3 primary children.

**Sarah** has got the house reestablished and caught up with her closest friends. Laura, who's son Marcelo died while we were away, is deeply hurting but is grieving with hope. It's been good to spend time with her. The ladies Bible study group in our home met for breakfast and will start Psalms this week. 6-8 women have expressed interest in the new Sunday ladies Bible study and we'll start in a couple of weeks. The Mums and Bubs group is uncertain. Sarah will also start an online course on Biblical counselling (CCEF) and is looking forward to being pushed to reflect on her own relationship with God.

**Pete** returned just last week and will start a seminary class on Tuesday. The next 3 months have a heavy load of travel: Quito, Ecuador next week and Santiago, Chile two weeks later. 14th October is the graduation (Certificate of Theology with 18 subjects) of the MOCLAM class in Tampico (Rolando's group) which Pete has been teaching for 6 years. Pete and Sarah will both go to celebrate their achievement, and Sarah to meet

them for the first time. The week after we'll host a preaching training workshop here in Monterrey with Leadership Resources from Chicago.

**Karina** is happily living in Kensington and is well integrated with new friends at Unichurch. She has multiple different jobs including nannying and teaching English. They vary from 1.5 to 11 hours at a time! The application process for UNSW has had more hurdles than expected, but we expect she'll be studying Medicinal Chemistry from February. God has been abundantly kind in providing for her.



Lucy on stage with Pep Rally

## Welcome

A big welcome to you if this is your first Sholla. We know many people signed up to our prayer points during our home assignment, so if that is you, ¡bienvenidos!

If you are a regular Sholla reader and are not yet a regular giver, can we please encourage you to visit [cms.org.au](http://cms.org.au) and become a regular giver (click give in the top right corner).

## Please pray

- Give thanks for an encouraging and productive home assignment.
- Give thanks for the chance we had to have a family holiday in the midst of 3 very busy months.
- Pray for Lucy and Miriam as they commence a new school year, and for Lucy as she finds a balance with IB and other life.
- Pray for Sarah's group as they study the Psalms. Pray that members of the group will have confidence to prepare and lead studies.
- Pray for the Sunday morning womens group - that it will start well.
- Give thanks for the group of pastors and leaders who have completed their Certificate of Theology in Tampico. Pray the graduation would be an encouraging time for them as they serve their church.
- Pray for energy for Pete as he travels in the next months. Pray for clarity in his teaching and good opportunities to be encouraging pastors and leaders around the region.
- Pray for Karina as she settles into life in Sydney. Give thanks for the provision of a wonderful church family at Unichurch and good work opportunities.

*A world  
that knows  
Jesus*

## Bible

"When the cares of my heart are many,  
Your consolations cheer my soul."  
Psalm 94:19