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As a family, we keep a "blessings" book that we write in on a monthly basis  for prayer requests, answered prayers, and overall blessings the Lord has done for us, and also for the kids individually to help them see the Lord's work in their individual lives. It's really easy for everyone to get in the swing of the "here and now" and just keep plugging away at life and forget to look back at the answered prayers and other works the Lord has done with thanksgiving and praise.  After all, He is worthy of praise!      If we read the first verse in each chapter of Psalms 143-150, we can see a picture of prayer and what it ought to be. A man prays and asks God to "Hear my prayer, O LORD" in Psalm 143; then we can see the prayer being answered with the "Blessed be the LORD" of Psalm 144, and "I will extol thee, my God" of Psalm 145. The rest of the Psalms 146-150 all start out with the same intro "Praise ye the LORD". Too often we forget to praise the Lord after we ask him to hear our prayer...and he answers it!! We are just too busy to stop and see what the Lord has done.     This was something I asked the Lord to help me with, to just slow me down and see the harvest field all around me, and to see His daily works in my life. Often times when we are in the midst of our "normal living": running errands, going to events and functions, grocery shopping, etc., we get in a hurry and don't see the mission field that is all around us. Sundays can be the worst, AMEN!, as we are frantically getting ready to worship the Lord, we don't see anything else around us.    One particular Sunday I was trying to get a couple last few things set up for a Sunday morning meeting at a church that meets in a hotel conference room, and this random gentleman was in my way. He started talking to me out of the blue about random things and all I wanted to do was get ready so I could worship the Lord for Sunday morning. As I kept trying to walk away, halfway through the conversation the Lord nudged me about "slow down and look". I finally stopped everything I was doing and focused on this guy and what he had to say. Long story short, I invited him to stay for the church services, and he agreed saying "I believe there is a purpose to everything". The service was a true blessing for this guy, with the message that morning titled "A Burning and Shining Light for the Lord". He was saved, but hadn't been living it, and he said the Lord really gave him direction on what he needed to do with his life. It's awesome to see the Lord work in someone's heart! To top it off- the man's name was Amin.    Having said all of that we are still continuing to serve in the field around us, and having a great time doing it. We have seen many encouraged, comforted, and directed by the Lord along with those that gnaw on us because of the message they really don't want to hear :) We have seen the Lord bless us time and time again with different medical, financial, and stability needs. The prayer request for prophet's chambers was answered mightily through some different churches and individuals we've met along the way. We were especially blessed by a family that housed us as a base that we could come and go as needed. It was beyond anything we imagined as an answer to prayer because they were our age, had kids the exact same age as ours, and we established a great friendship that is dear to our hearts. We really praise the Lord and ask Him to bless them mightily.    As I mentioned in the last prayer letter, there is power in the prayer of the saints! Please continue to pray that we could find prophet chambers, our support would increase monthly so we can reach the field, and the Lord would meet the needs that arise. We have finished up our meetings in California and are currently traveling north for our spring and summer meetings in WA, ID, and MT. Thank you for being faithful prayer warriors and having a true care for us and the calling the Lord has given us. And likewise we are praying for you as well.                           Looking forward to His return,                                      -The Russells | | | | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | https://gallery.mailchimp.com/fce1be22fa47ec957c1a3bc1d/images/453dad07-f219-48fe-b66b-909e94164a9b.jpg | | ***March-April 2016*** | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | How You Can Pray  * Health & safety in our deputation travels * Quick deputation so we can get to Mexico as soon as possible * Church in Lo de Marcos and new Pastor Cesar * Visas/Permanent Residency * A national "Timothy" for our first church * Prophet chambers to help with travels | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Sending Church**  Faith Baptist Church 436 Coal Creek Rd. 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We go out many different ways, and the kids love going no matter what it is. The top picture is our oldest son street preaching for the very first time, HALLELUJAH AMEN!!! | | | | | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Copyright © 2016 Russell Family Ministry, All rights reserved. You signed up to receive updates from our ministry on our website at <http://russells2mexico.com>  **Our mailing address is:**  Russell Family Ministry  436 Coal Creek Rd  Chehalis, WA 98532  [Add us to your address book](http://russells2mexico.us9.list-manage.com/vcard?u=fce1be22fa47ec957c1a3bc1d&id=aeb6842d60)  Want to change how you receive these emails? 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