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PRAYERS

PLEASE PRAY WITH US

- Traveling Mercies
- Medical issues
- God's timeline for us to go to Mexico
- Visas for Mexico
- National "Timothy"
- Church in Lo de Marcos

Dear Praying Saints,

Well it's the end of the year, and that means it's time to reflect on all the Lord has done in your life, see how much you've grown for the Lord, and set goals for the next year in order to have an attainable goal to strive for.

While looking back at the past year, we have the hind sight of seeing WHY the Lord put us through certain events, because we can now clearly see the outcome of those events. I truly see why we have gone through some hard times, because I can see the growth, maturing, and preparation of our entire family which excites us even more to get to Mexico. Sometimes these "growing pains" are extremely painful, but they are necessary if we want to see the desired growth. I praise the Lord for the blessings of growth in each of us!

Looking at the stats for this year, here's what we have: 35,000+ miles traveled this year, 73 meetings, and a 35% gain in support for a total of 53%. Overall, the Lord has completely blessed us with safe travels, provision every month to pay the bills, (It's really expensive to continuously travel!), met lots of good friends, and getting much closer to our goal of Mexico.

Looking ahead for next year, our biggest goal is obviously getting to the field that the Lords has called us to. I know that we need to be ambitious in getting there, but we also need to be wise when it comes to being fully supported financially. There are many opinions of how to approach it, but my biggest requirement is that we go in the Lord's timing; His timing is everything to me. It can be easy to sit back when it's time to get moving, and sometimes we jump the gun and get ahead of the Lord. We've all done both, and I don't intend on doing either one again, especially when it comes to moving my family to a foreign field. I currently have us booked with meetings through the end June, and am praying that after June, we will be done with deputation. I would love to be finished here and get started on the field by the end of the summer....please pray for me in this matter so that we can do it the Lord's timing.

In other matters, like health, we have been taking quite a hit lately. I just found out that I have shingles! This is induced by stress and/or immune deficiency, but either way I have it. On top of this, my wife has been dealing with female medical problems all year, and they have been continuously getting worse. After talking with her doctor back home and considering her medical past, she has been advised to get a hysterectomy. She is flying back home in January to be seen by her doctor, and is scheduled for surgery on Jan. 11th. I am not able return to Washington to be there for her through the surgery or help her throughout her recovery- making this is a very difficult time of separation for both of us. Over the next couple of months, our family will be split up as my wife and daughter head back home for nearly 2 months, while the boys and I continue on with meetings between TX, LA, MS, and AL. If you could **please** pray for us in these matters we would really appreciate it. On the up side, our kids are healthy and have been doing fantastic!

We look forward to serving the Lord in this new year, especially after seeing how the Lord has blessed us so much this last year. We're thankful for all the great friendships we started, along with great churches and pastors we've met, and look forward for more to come.

Thanks for all the support (prayer, love, & financial) from everyone this year. It is a laborious effort to give as we all know, and it doesn't go unnoticed or underappreciated! Thank you is an understatement but I don't know how else to put it....Thanks!! May the Lord bless you abundantly and fill your cup until it overflows!

Brothers and sisters keep up the good fight!

God bless-

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Adam, Sarah, Cristian, Kendra, Braden