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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,

These last couple of months have been quite laborious, but very fruitful nonetheless. As most of you know, my wife and daughter flew home to Washington State in early January for my wife to have a major, but much needed surgery. She had quite a few complications during her recovery which resulted in having an additional minor surgery to fix the problem. Come to find out, she is allergic to the glue they used on her incisions as well as the self-dissolving stitches they had put inside of her (go figure!). During the second surgery, they removed all of the stitches, and she seems to be doing better, praise the Lord!

The boys and I have continued on the deputation trail touring America, chalked full with meetings. Can you believe that my boys are still alive and well with their momma not around for nearly two whole months? They even have clean underwear haha! We have traveled a massive amount of miles these past few months; in fact, over a six day span we put on more than 1600 miles, and that was with meetings in between as well. My prayer for deputation has always been that the Lord would direct us to good, faithful churches, and I continually thank Him for doing just that. Praise God, we even had two new churches, back to back, that picked us up for monthly support right there on the spot! That has never happened to us before.

It has been amazing to watch as the Lord is growing my boys in maturity as they prepare to be men someday. The Lord has recently opened my eyes, through various things, to a need that they both have in their hearts. I usually take both boys with me to help pass out tracts and hold signs while I go street preaching; occasionally my oldest boy will also do some of the preaching. But what the Lord has shown me is that I need to install- in BOTH of them- the need to stand up and preach the gospel without apology. *Rom 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation for every one that believeth;"* The next time that we went out I had Braden, my youngest, stand tall and belt out various verses that he has memorized, and I explained to him why we do this, and the importance of him doing it for the Lord. What greater joy can a father have than to see his children serving the Lord with a willing heart?

In my reading and studying, I have been looking at the transition from Joshua to Judges and what went wrong. We all know the problem here, and there are several of them, but Judges 2:10 says "*and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.*" I don't want that generational gap/loss between my children and me, especially on how to serve the Lord with all of your heart. I don't want my children to stand idly by while us adults do all of the work. They are the next generation that needs to stand up for the Lord- and it needs to start now, at an early age.

The boys and I are headed toward Ohio for the next few months, and are most excited for the return of my wife and daughter. We had to cancel their original flights back to us because of my wife's delayed recovery and second surgery, but Lord willing she will continue to heal quickly and we can all be together under one roof very soon. Please continue to pray for her.

I appreciate the prayer, from the last letter, on God's timing for us to go to Mexico. I don't have an exact date, but Lord willing we will be on the field this year. I will keep you up to date on this matter as the Lord gives more direction and guidance. Please continue to pray for God's wisdom in the timing of this matter, as well as all of the details that go into getting ready, (i.e.- financial support, visas, tickets, housing, etc.).

Again, thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support for our family. I look forward to seeing what the Lord has in store in these upcoming months. Lord willing, and prayerfully so, we will hear that glorious trump of God! Even so, Come Lord Jesus!

Brothers and sisters keep up the good fight!

God bless-

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