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PRAYERS

PLEASE PRAY WITH US

- Traveling Mercies
- Getting everything ready to move
- House in Mexico
- National "Timothy"
- Church in Lo de Marcos

Dear Praying Saints,

Wow! Here we are at the end of June, and the summer of 2017 is amongst us. With August quickly approaching, our calling to Mexico has almost come to fruition. But first, let me give some updates before I speak more on that.

For those who don't know, my dad passed away suddenly in the beginning of June. I had to cancel a couple of meetings and go back home for a bit to make arrangements for the memorial service, help out with family, and go through some grieving for myself. All and all the Lord thoroughly blessed the time spent back home. The Word of God had free course with many lives during the memorial service through a clear presentation of the gospel, as well as in the days surrounding the service as I was able to speak with many about Jesus Christ on a personal level. The memorial was comforting for me, as I received some affirmations of my dad's salvation that I did not have until that day. A couple of different men who had developed a friendship with my dad gave testimonies of him telling them he received Jesus Christ when he was a young teen. *"At the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established" Deu19:15.* My dad struggled, and never truly lived a life for Jesus, so to hear the same testimony from others that he also gave to me, was truly a peace from God that he is no longer struggling. Thanks for all of your prayers during that time.

The day after the news about my dad's passing was our visa appointment. We were diligently praying that all of the necessary documents were in order, especially after receiving help from a Christian lawyer from Mexico, and to have no hang ups at the appointment. Everything was going very well until we hit a snag with the kids' applications. In short, the man in charge of giving us the stamp of approval came out and told us that legally, we needed to be denied because we did not have a certified copy of our marriage certificate...ugh. He then preceded to tell us that he did not want to deny us because "Who was he to get in God's way?" After pushing all 5 of our visas through, he gave me a print out with his name and asked me to pray for his family. His hand written note on the print out said "I am about to quit my job and go study for the ministry. My family and I will stop being Mexican diplomats to become ambassadors of Christ to this world, pray for us!" !!Hallelujah!! God put that man in our path to make sure we received our visas! AND praise the Lord for more men being called into full time service!

Our visas were a much needed encouragement, but God didn't stop there. After the appointment, I received a call from a church in Texas that they were picking us up for support; and then I received a call the next day from another church in Michigan that voted to pick us up for support. The whole thing was a great confirmation that God was still moving everything along as planned. We are now well over 80% and are still planning on moving to Mexico to start with Raymond Jones in August. I know that God will provide the last percentage we need, as He always preforms what He says He will do.

We are looking into plane tickets to get us there by August 15th at the latest, but there are some details that need to be worked out before I can nail down an exact date. Some of the things we still need to figure out are, really, some major things. Raymond is trying to find a place for us to live. If Raymond finds a house soon then we can go together as a family; if not then I will need to go by myself first, find a house and buy a vehicle, and then fly my family down afterwards. There are some other things as well but I believe, Lord willing, that I will be purchasing tickets within the next two weeks. Please pray on these details with us, especially that a house would be found for us to rent so we may all go together.

Over the next two weeks we will be traveling to our last few meetings, which are on the way back to Washington. Once we get in Washington we will take three to four weeks to pack up our storage unit and say our goodbyes to family, friends, and our home church. There is still much to do, but as we near August we are very excited to get settled and started on the work in Mexico. Thank you for everyone's support, prayers, financial giving, and love over these last couple years...because of your faithfulness it's all about to come to fruition.

Brothers and sisters keep up the good fight!

God bless-

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