



# The Russell Family

Missionaries to Mexico

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## PRAYERS

- Fluency in the language/culture
- Passports
- Return Tickets, and Timing for passports
- Residency Visas for Mexico
- Moving to Nayarit
- Church in Lo de Marcos
- National "Timothy"
- Safety
- Sarah's Health

Buenas Dias, mis Queridos Hermanos,  
(Good Day, my Dear Brethren,)

I want to thank everyone for the faithful and continued prayers for our family and especially Sarah. I also want to apologize for the lateness of this letter, but I purposely waited so I could give accurate details that many have been asking about on my wife and the medical situation. Yesterday she had another appointment, but this time with a naturalist. We felt like every modern medical doctor that she visited, whether Mexico or America, always ended the same. The results were always "we have no idea of why this is happening, but here is some medicine for you to try out". It seemed as if she would get better for a week or two, but then regress. Then when she would talk to the doctor about it, the answer was always to take more medicine and different medicines. There was never a clear answer as to what is causing the issue, but I believe our bodies react in certain ways for a reason. After a few pastors with similar issues gave us some advice we decided to see the naturalist. We believe we received some very beneficial information on root causes and how to address it. With this information and certain medicines we believe Sarah is finally going to be able to come back soon!

We have been very hesitant for a while, because we didn't feel it was right to bring her back without being on the road to recovery. I have been advised by many, including the Lord giving me scripture to cling to, that it wouldn't benefit our family and the ministry here in Mexico if my help meet is unable to help. James 1:2-5 specifically is what the Lord showed me, so letting patience have her way is what we have done. Once again thanks for the continued support in our decisions, love, prayers, and the extra funds from individuals and churches to help with expenses. We are praying for y'all as well, and asking God to bless you for everything you do on our behalf. We ask that as Sarah returns soon to please pray for her complete recovery and knowledge of how to manage her stomach issues in the future.

In other news, here we are with Spring of 2018 coming in for most you, but here it has been summer already for a month. The temperatures have been in the high nineties for weeks now, and it is getting very dry. It will stay like this for a couple more months and then in July the rainy season comes.

Even knowing I feel like I've hit a pause button on everything that is going on down here since Sarah has left, the training continues. I have become very familiar with the roles and duties of my wife haha. I can tell you that homeschooling three children and keeping up with the house and meals is a 24 hour job that never ends. Another blessing the Lord has opened my eyes to is how much time I was devoting to the ministry. I have been seeking the Lord on managing my time better and what a wonderful thing it has been for us. The Lord has been blessing my Spanish capabilities handfulls at a time this last month as well! I have been doing everything from Dr. appointments for the kids, to translating for my brother, as well as normal life situations that have grown my understanding. It is a phenomenal feeling when I speak with someone and understand eighty percent of what they are saying. It's not always like that yet because I am still growing my vocabulary, but to say the least...God has been blessing my understanding!

My brother came for his first visit to Mexico! It has been a huge encouragement having him around while my wife has been gone. He graduated bible institute last year, and he is getting a first hand look at a mission field along with the blessing and struggles that come with it. We went to Lo De Marcos together for our monthly visit and it was great. First off there was the yearly festival for the towns idol while we were there, and we were able to pass out many tracts and be a witness. What an eye opener it is to see idolatry as you've never seen before in America. I've seen this several times already, but my brother was shocked. On Sunday morning my brother preached a message for me and encouraged the people to put on the spiritual armor of God and fight the daily spiritual battles! Also my son and I have been practicing the guitar with hymns, and for the first time ever I led hymns with him playing the guitar for the morning service (picture below). There is another teenager learning guitar as well that grew up in this church, and we were able to practice with her on Saturday so that she could join us. I love seeing what God is doing and how he can use each one of us for his service. Another great note of encouragement for you is the man named Jose that I told you to pray for last month...he got saved! He ended up getting saved just the week after I left last time; and he was full of complete joy knowing his name is written down in the book of life, not to mention his wife was overjoyed that he finally came to Christ.

As we continue the fight for souls and to serve Christ down here in Mexico I pray this letter encourages you in staying in the fight yourself. Your daily walk with Christ is vital, and your prayers for us are the mighty spiritual weapons of warfare needed to beat the devil down and get God's work done!

**Brothers and sisters keep up the good fight!**

God bless- The Russell Family

Adam, Sarah, Christian, Kendra, Braden

