



# 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,)

Another two months have passed by and there is much to report with what the Lord has done. We had our summer months (April-June) with some pretty extreme heat everyday. The temperature highs were above 100 everyday for about three weeks, and at night it only cooled down to 80. I say this because we don't have AC for our house. We experienced first hand trying to sleep and live in the heat, and why the Mexicans stay out of the sun as much as possible. That is very different from a person living in the great NW all their lives, Hahaha. Now we have entered the rainy season with an abundance of rain and much cooler temperatures, praise the Lord.

In May, Sarah finally came back home to us with some good information and medicine to start healing her stomach issues. Praise the Lord she has been recovering and doing much better. She has not healed up completely, but she is able to eat and not have so much pain that she can't live her daily life. We are continuing to pray about why she still has some minor issues and that if there is something we are missing that God would reveal it to us.

Also in the month of May, I took a trip to San Luis Potosi for a bible graduation of one of Raymond's young men. Raymond now has his own bible institute at his local church, so this is the last teen to attend bible school elsewhere. It was a great time to see a different part of Mexico, and see how different the language can be as well as the culture when you travel just five hours away. As I was talking with people, they didn't understand the common things I say all the time from the Jalisco area we live in. It was very interesting. It was also very encouraging to see all these young men and women graduating from bible college with many of them zealous to go do something for God, including some starting a deputation to go be missionaries to foreign countries! God is still calling people to the harvest field, and God is using young Mexicans to reach countries that I would have a hard time ministering to because of my skin color; ie. Lebanon, Libya, countries hostile to white people.

At the beginning of this month I also had a supporting church take a missions trip down to visit us and see the field. We are real appreciative of Raymond being willing to allow them to come down and use his dorms, and also take them around to see the different ministries and sights here where we live. A young man from the group who feels he is called to be a missionary gave his testimony during the midweek service, and 3 people got saved! It was very exciting to see God working through this young man who is so on fire for the Lord (We are praying that the Lord would call him to Mexico!). We also took the group over to Lo de Marcos, to see where we will be moving to and the work that we have waiting for us there. It was great for two reasons: one of the men preached to the church on Sunday morning and one person received Christ as their savior! This gave them a great taste for seeing souls saved on a mission field. Secondly, as we showed them around for a couple days and passed tracts, they were able to see the vision of the need for bible believing works in that area. There is a two hour stretch of a main highway with only one town that has a bible believing work...Lo de Marcos. There are plenty of JW's, Mormon, Non-Denominational, Pentecostals, and of course Catholics; but there is only one church that could tell you from the bible on how to go to heaven and know it. The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few; and this is why the Lord has called us to that area.

I ran into a Jehovah Witness last month in Lo de Marcos that tried to convert me right there on the street, in English. After a ten minute conversation with him on the issue of Jesus Christ being God, and showing him much scripture to which his bible had omitted and changed, he walked away quite upset at me. I believe part of it was due to something he told me in conversation. There was a Baptist preacher he met many years ago that talked with him on the same issue, and after a few minutes the Baptist preacher told him "it doesn't really matter if Jesus Christ is God or not, as long as you believe in God it's ok!" I told him that was wrong and showed him from the bible why it is vital to believe that Jesus Christ is God. He is not the only one either. Every single week I see JW's out and about knocking doors furiously. Mexico has the second largest amount JW's next to America. It is a rapidly growing cult in Mexico that is damning people to hell, even knowing they don't believe in hell. I give that testimony to say how eager we are to get to work...in Spanish. Please continue to pray that God would bless us abundantly in the fluency of the language. I continue to grow every week as my vocabulary expands, but it still takes time to put my thoughts into Spanish and there is still plenty of words I don't know.

Up coming these next two months. We have to renew our visas for Mexico, and thankfully it will be a three year temporary residence this time. We have been shoutin' Hallelujahs that God has provided for this need. It is going to cost us roughly \$4000 for this process, and a church sent us a love offering for that amount this month!! We didn't know how God would provide, but we knew somehow he would...and he did. Thank you to that church for the love offering! Please pray for the process to go through smoothly with no problems. We also need to go back to America to renew passports for our children. I am not sure on timing for this but we are thinking potentially August. In the month of July we are doing a VBS in Lo de Marcos. There is a group from Texas scheduled to come down and put it on so we are going to help out with that. Immediately after, we have a teen group coming from our home church in Washington for a missions trip, and another VBS here in Raymond's local church. It's going to be a very busy month, but we're very excited for it all. We have started looking for a house to rent in the Lo de Marcos area for when we move over there this summer. We have not been able to find anything as of yet, but we know God will provide in his timing. We have always planned to stay with the Jones for one year and then move to the coast, and that would be August; please pray for wisdom and guidance on this matter, as we want to be in the Lord's timing.

Thank you for all the continued love, prayers, and support for the work here in Mexico! We're praying for y'all as well, as the battle is getting even more hot and heavy everyday we near closer the day of the Lord.

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

God bless- *The Russell Family -Adam, Sarah, Cristian, Kendra, Braden*