



# The Russell Family

Missionaries to Mexico

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## PRAYERS

- Fluency in the language/culture
- 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,)

There has been much that has happened this last month of July, so I wanted to update y'all and praise the Lord for answered prayer.

At the beginning of this month the Jones had a medical missions group come down from a church out of Florida. It was two doctors, twelve young adults, and a college & careers pastor. The medical focus was on eye exams and glasses. Raymond took us to a different village everyday, some of the poorest in the area, for five days. It was a great experience for my family as we all were involved in one way or another. My wife was a translator everyday for the fittings, I did initial eye exams for all incoming people, and my kids helped translate for the other teens/young adults that had other jobs. Every single person that stopped by received an eye exam, a doctor consult, and free glasses according to their prescription! The most important part of this whole thing was that every single individual received a one on one presentation of the gospel (not a group presentation) with the bible in hand. We tried really hard to make sure that there was no peer pressure of receiving Christ, but just planting seeds and leading people to Christ when the Holy Ghost was pressing them. In one week we had over 900 people receive glasses and the gospel; and with each one filling out a follow up sheet, there was close to 700 confessions to receiving Christ as their personal saviour!! Raymond will have many months of follow up in these different towns, but what a great week and a great chance to fish out more souls in this area.

After that long week my family took another trip over to Lo de Marcos. We were expecting to do VBS with a group from Texas, but found out the dates got mixed up. We ended up staying for most of the week to house search instead. We had a great Sunday morning service, including having visitors, and a time of fellowship afterwards. That afternoon/evening we decided to get a head start on the house search. Now, Mexico is different in many ways than America including how you find things. Down here you don't go online to find things, or get a realtor for houses. This country is very much word of mouth about EVERYTHING. That night we walked the streets of Lo de Marcos for about three hours just talking to people. These people are amazing in how helpful they are. That evening we were taken to four houses, and we had four more to look at on Monday. The problem we ran into was it was either too small of a house, or too much money for rent. After looking at houses on Monday I went to a FedEx shop to send off papers for our visas. I asked the man in the shop about houses who referred me to a guy, who referred me to a guy that had a house for sale. Well, long story short the Lord provided in a huge way. The guy was more than willing to rent his 3 bedroom house to us, at a price half of what we thought we'd have to spend...Praise God. It is almost double what we pay now, but it is perfect for what we need at a cost that we couldn't find anywhere else in the area. We want to thank you for praying for that need of ours, because we truly believe God answered it.

Not only did we find a house, but we established ourselves with many people in town that saw how we aren't there to be rich Americans and live in a mansion. We spoke their language, we love them, their food, their culture, and they really appreciated seeing that in us. Many people expressed how refreshing it was to see that, and wanted to get us the Mexican discount on houses. They generally charge 2 to 3 times more for "white skin" than they do for the locals. As they were on the phone calling other people for houses they told others that we were Mexicans, Hahaha. It was a great introduction to the people of the town right before we move over there and officially get started in the ministry!

Something that has really encouraged us, other than finding a house, is having the teen group from our home church come down for a missions trip. These are the teens that my wife and I labored over for years before we went on deputation. We have known them most of their lives, before they even hit double digits in age. We have prayed for a long time for these teens that the world wouldn't sweep them away when they left their parents home. Having them here and seeing what the Lord has done in their hearts has been tremendous. They truly saw needs outside of their own lives. These things can be seen at home as well, but I believe a missions trip is essential for every Christian. I mean this in the sense that getting out of your normal routine, in a third world country, and seeing what people struggle through to live for Christ, or come to Christ, is an eye opener. One thing God really pressed upon their heart was to remove American distractions out of their lives and focus more on what God wants them to do with their lives! Amen!!!

Moving forward in August we are still waiting on our visa renewal process. We have run into minor problems that we pray get fixed and approved by next week; please pray for that. Also we are going to clean up the house, paint, and get it move in ready this week. Then we need to find a way to move all of our stuff over. In Mexico you can't just rent a U-Haul; you have to hire a moving service. I would love to find a trailer of my own for future use as well, but we'll see what happens. Then we need to go back to the states for six weeks for the kids' passport renewal still. I really want to start up services full time and get the work going in Lo de Marcos, but I think it would be better to go get our passports handled and come back and start; then we can start everything without stopping.

As I've said many times, I really appreciate the continued prayer and support. I believe you have every part in this ministry as I do, when you lift us up in your prayers and give for financial needs. This is the reason I believe things go smoothly, and when they don't go smooth they still turn out better than they could have.

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

God bless-

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