



# The Russell Family

Missionaries to Mexico

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

A couple more months have passed by and there are many things to tell you, so I will try my best to keep it to one page. First thing is that we have the church going fulltime. It's been roughly six years with out a full time pastor/missionary. The church had dwindled down over the years to about five people, but we are very thankful for the faithful five that stayed. Since we have had services every week we have already grown to about 15 each week, which is a huge encouragement. I started a midweek service as well about three weeks ago. This consists of singing hymns, having a prayer meeting, and then going out door knocking and tract passing. (I hope to eventually preach on Wednesday nights, but I need a little more time with my Spanish skills first) My desire is to get a tract and a gospel witness to every person that lives in Lo de Marcos; so that's what we are working towards. We have already seen a little bit of fruit when two teen girls received Jesus Christ as their savior after 30 minutes of witnessing to them last week.

While I'm thinking about the Spanish, it has been getting better every week. My pronunciation is much better, and I am able to leave my paper and go "off script" more and more each week. If I don't say something correct it's easy to tell when I see all heads cock to the side and give a look of confusion. Haha! But the people have been very patient and helpful. I would ask that you please continue to pray for my growth in the language skills.

We have been blessed with some help with the music for services! The only other teen that we have is musically inclined so he has been learning some hymns on the piano and playing others on the guitar with our son Cristian. That has been a huge boost to the music, because anyone who knows me knows that I don't have a musically talented bone in my body; so I am very thankful for that. Another great note on the ministry is that we had our first family (and only full family- with both parents and kids,) dedicate their newborn child to the Lord Sunday. It seems as if we are moving along and growing well spiritually and physically.

If I had to sum up these last couple months since we've moved here into a theme... it would be "spiritual battles". The devil is crafty and subtle, and that's how he attacks as well. One of the ways he likes to attack is in everyday normal life situations to break you down and defeat you. This is definitely what we've been experiencing, as it would seem like there is some kind of bummer everyday if not multiple times a day. Some of the issues would be like this: while helping a family out I had my wallet stolen with all our cards, including my wife's cards that were in the wallet. We literally had no access to money for three weeks. Our passports and visa cards were with our lawyer in Mexico City, so I couldn't even have someone wire money to us. During that time, we had vehicle issues, lots of house issues like our kitchen sink leaking to the point of water running out the back door. Emotions get high and there's fighting within and war without...and just to throw it in for fun, add extreme heat with extreme humidity (the house never got below ninety degrees inside day or night). I don't say this to complain, I say this to show that someone REALLY wants you to be discouraged in life. Someone wants to take your joy away! It's easy to forget about the real fight when you are fighting so many other battles. At times like this you have to force yourself to take a step back and realize what is really going on.

We had the opportunity to step back when we took the ladies of the church over to a ladies conference at Raymond Jones' church. There were several American missionaries visiting and over 200 ladies at the conference. My wife was really encouraged with the teaching at the conference, and I was with the men being encouraged in the fact that we are not the only ones that have gone through this. That trip was a huge blessing to us, and we came back ready to fight and have joy in our race that God has given us. Shortly after we got back, we ended up receiving our passports, visas, AND new bank cards in the mail! It seems as if the Lord has put a calm in the spiritual storm and lifted us up out of the waves. Praise His name for never taking His eyes and hands off of us the whole time, and helping us to learn some great lessons through it all.

When the spiritual stormed calmed, we had a physical storm. I had a few people text me last Sunday night about a hurricane headed our way. I soon found out about category 4 hurricane Willa that was predicted to land right on top of us. After putting out the prayer request, we prepared by boarding up the house and making ourselves ready to go inland and stay the night. I believe the prayers of many saints are the real power of seeing great things done; and not to mention, we have a God that listens and responds to our prayers according to His plan for His glory and honor. Tuesday morning I watched the radar closely and noticed that the hurricane was moving right off the coast, but farther north then expected! It hit about a 100 miles north of us instead of only 30! Praise God!!

Due to everything that I am writing about: spiritual warfare, spiritual storms, physical storms, daily provision, daily care and safety; I am so very thankful for the prayers of everyone out there. I had a lot of response from the prayer request of the hurricane, and I know there are many people that pray for us daily...and it is vital to the work here in Mexico through our family. I know I say this many times, but I can't thank you enough for your prayers, encouragement, and support. Until next time, let's keep each other in prayer and watch the great things that God is going to do!

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

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

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Safety/well  
being of our  
family

Sarah's  
Health

