



# *The Russell Family*

Missionaries to Mexico

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## PRAYERS

Fluency in the  
language

Church in  
Lo de Marcos

Property for  
the church

National  
"Timothy"

Safety/well  
being of our  
family

Sarah's  
Health



Buenos Días Queridos Hermanos, (Good Day, my Dear Brethren,)

Praise the Lord the summer is almost over! Haha, I know that is not what the majority of Americans want, but in tropical environments where you never stop sweating it's a different story. BUT, we continue to push on while waiting for the return of the Lord.

The last letter left off with us doing our VBS along with a church from TX that came down. It was a great week with lots of work, and a huge thanks to Primera Iglesia Bautista for everything they did for our church. There were a couple handfuls of kids who professed to receive Christ during the week, praise the Lord, along with some adults desiring growth during some personal in home bible studies we had during the week.

The work in Lo de Marcos is going well. The problem that we've ran into for this whole last year is overcoming shame. I mean the people who have desire to come but don't because of shame with their family and friends for going to a non-Catholic church. The same with kids; the parents won't let them come to our church unless there are free things being handed out. The community knows us pretty well, and appreciate the things we're doing but there is still a wall of resistance.

The church and those members we have are doing well though. It is really awesome because they are learning the bible, retaining it, and APPLYING it to their lives. Recently they have been seeing the power of prayer and the Lord's hand in their lives. We have prayer meetings with our Wed. service, and there are true answered prayers in their lives because of the church praying... and it is a blessing to see their excitement and growth!! I am currently planning the churches first missions conference for this November as well. I am excited for the Lord to be able to use them in world missions. Please continue to pray for the Lord's direction for the church.

The Lord showed a great reason for our being here last week. We met a group of men my age while doing some work on our house, which we took the opportunity of a captive audience and witnessed. Two weeks later one of those men was at my house at 7:30 am asking to speak with me about how miserable his life is. After spending some time with him in the bible he decided he needed to take the first step to better his life and afterlife...he received Jesus Christ as his savior! After two weeks you can still see the difference in his life as he continues to read, pray, and shed old sins that needed to go. Who would tell him the gospel if we weren't here, and how could we be here without the whole body working together to get the gospel out. Amen!

We really appreciate all the prayers, love, and financial support from everyone. The love is known with all the cards and words of encouragement; along with all the birthday cards for our sons these last two months! Thank you for taking a special interest in our family as well as the ministry. Many prayers have been answered these last couple months as well.

One was our housing situation. We were suffering in our house with the heat because of the design and electricity problems, and prayers were answered mightily. We found a house that was barely done being constructed, designed very well for the heat, and less rent! The heat/humidity is extreme still, but the house has helped us to endure better...eventually maybe we can get AC. Also, thanks to BBBC Hillsboro, OR! They sponsored our oldest son to go to a bible camp in ID, and he also was given the opportunity to work and get a taste of real life outside of the mission field. We have a great debt of gratitude for everyone that helped with this and had patience with our son; but the Lord put great things on his heart for him to work on personally and start planning for the future.

To add to that, Sarah has finally been able to start walking on her foot again. It was a hard three months of pain and no walking, but it's finally coming around. She is not 100%, but almost; please continue to pray for her full recovery. Also just a reminder that we are actively seeking property for the church to have it's own space. Please help us pray for the Lord's guidance as well as provision for that endeavor. I just want to end with a thank you to everyone for, as I said, prayer, love, support, and faithfulness to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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

God bless-

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