



The Russell Family

Missionaries to Mexico

July-August 2020

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

Hello there churches, pastors, brothers, and sisters! It truly is a blessing to serve the Lord, even when it can feel as if you're not doing much; but as the bible says, little is much when God is in it.

As you know we've been in the states since our last prayer letter in June. We arrived at the beginning of July running every which way, and it hasn't stopped since; and sometimes it can feel as if we were not doing much, but it's not the case. Highlights of the good and the not so good.

My wife tore her Achilles tendon AGAIN. She only had 6 good months of it being normal, and she has been back in a boot this whole summer. A hospital visit for Braden with a concussion made for a long night. To top it all off, our truck has been in the shop more days than it has been driven on the streets. There's always things the devil does to try and stop the Lord's work and discourage us from continuing on, but the Lord always gets the victory!

An unexpected great thing the Lord has done is use us at our home church. The Lord moved the associate pastor of 20 years away to another calling, which left a gap with the teen ministry until the new associate pastor arrives. We were asked if we could stand in the gap while we were here. With prayer the Lord confirmed that we should, and immediately we planned a teen retreat since the teens have not been able to do anything since before the Covid stuff.

The Lord really blessed the retreat with a great spirit, and ready hearts to receive something from Him. Many of the teens testified that the Lord spoke to them in a way they needed to push them farther in their walk with Christ. This was a huge blessing for us because these were pretty much all the teens that we ministered to before we left for Mexico. Paul spoke of this, how joyful it is to see those you minister to grow and stick with the stuff!!

The home front of the ministry in Mexico is going great, praise the Lord! The young man who is watching over everything for us took our teens to a camp in July. There were a couple teens who got saved, and one who walked the aisle to give his life to the Lord. He has since continuously professed that God wants him to be a preacher! I am really excited to train him up for two reasons: it is an answer to my prayers of training young men to serve God, and he is one of the teens that we met as a bad attitude rebellious teen and helped turn his heart to the Lord instead of this world. We really love this kid and want to see great things from him.

There are more people getting saved and being discipled, which is another praise and answer to a prayer of ours. The Word is still being preached on the streets, with tracts being passed out; and all services continue with normality!

We are excited to get back to the work in Mexico and see what more the Lord is going to do. Until then the Lord seems to have stalled us here in Washington. We are awaiting an MRI for my wife, and also for our truck to get out of the shop for the third time. While we are here we will continue to take all the opportunities the Lord gives us and minister to the teens. Please pray with us as we are planning our return to Mexico this month in September, and for safety and guidance for that.

Thank you very much for your continued prayers as they are what get us through the tough times! We love you all! Let's keep our heads up for the nearing return of Jesus Christ!

Brothers and sisters keep up the good fight!

God bless-

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Church in Guayabitos

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Safety/well being of our family

Sarah's Health

Short furlough trip

