

## The Russell Family Missionaries to Mexico

May-June 2020

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

Here we are in the middle of the year, and even knowing we've been quarantined for months like the rest of the world, it has been very busy here. During the quarantine we were able to buy care packages of essential food and items to distribute to many families in need. Of course with those in the church, but also with families we've never met.

While visiting those families I always preached some kind of short message of the gospel to them with invitations to the church when it reopened. It has been very busy, but we saw the fruit of it this last Sunday with our first service back in the church; over 20 first time visitors! It was a great service with a solid gospel message and a meal together afterwards. We know the seed was planted and we're going to keep watering it!

We're very thankful for the quarantine in that it gave us great opportunities to reach out to many that we didn't know before, but are happy that things are starting to open back up as it gives us the opportunity to continue normal services. We will have all the normal weekly services, start street preaching again, and back to evangelizing communities.

I write this letter really early because of what's coming up in the next few months. We have needed to go back to the states for some time now to take care of various things, but the Lord has never allowed us to set it up. In the last month, the Lord has confirmed and moved a lot into place for us to finally be able to do that.

We are planning on driving to our home state of Washington at the end of June and be in the area for all of July and most of August. Some of the things we need to do that we'd appreciate prayer for: setting up our oldest son for life in the states with his grandparents as he will be finishing his senior year there, and then Lord willing, on to college; my youngest son has appointments with the specialists at Children's Hospital for problems with his eyes & muscles, and we will finally be able to get our things out of storage (my wife misses the kids' baby albums and keepsakes), as well as visit churches as the Lord leads.

If you are somewhere between Washington and Mexico and would like to have us pass through to give an update and encourage the brethren, you can call or send an email to get it on the books. We would love to stop by for a visit. We also have new prayer cards, and are working on an update video. We are looking forward to the sweet fellowship together!

We know it's not enough time to visit everyone, but there is so much happening here now that I can't be gone very long. We plan on a longer furlough specifically to visit churches in the future. Plus praise God, we do have some faithful help to keep things going here while we're gone. Please be in prayer for the work here, as well as our trip, and the many things we need to get done while we are gone.

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**PRAYERS** 

Fluency in the language

Church in Guayabitos

National "Timothy"

Safety/well being of our family

> Sarah's Health

Short furlough trip



## Brothers and sisters keep up the good fight!

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



First Sunday back at church since the Coronavirus



Adam giving the gospel in a neighborhood before giving out care packages