Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Victories, burdens, and battles. I find this to be a huge part of being in the ministry and following the Lord Jesus Christ. And praise the Lord for it all, because as you continue forward, you see that it IS worth it all!

After 6 months of continual issues with the property deal, we have finally struck an official deal to get this piece of property for the church and make sure there are no problems in the future! The Lord kept persisting with this property, (even as I was ready to walk away and look for something else) so we followed His guidance and persisted as well. We found out that the owner's lawyers were trying to sell us rights to the property, but not ownership (the American owner didn't know). Praise God for our lawyer, a young Christian man, who went through the appropriate governmental channels and has found the solution to legally get us ownership of the land, and be able to privatize it in the name of the church.

It has been a bit stressful, but what a great victory that we can now move forward with confidence! Now we just need to get through this process to make it ours, pay it off, and start building the church. Please continue to pray with us that everything goes smooth, and the Lord would bring in all the finances this year. We are very appreciative for all the special offerings given towards the purchase of the property: altogether we have about 45% of the total purchase price. But we know the Lord's hand is not slack and trust that He will provide the full amount somehow as He has been the one leading us through this entire process.

On May 1st, we have a huge evangelistic event celebrating National Children's Day. It's the equivalent to Mother's/Father's Day, but for the kids. We have planned some fun events for the family and an evangelistic puppet show for the kids with the intention to be able to preach the gospel to whomever the Lord brings in. We also have our annual mission's conference coming up at the end of May to keep the church encouraged in their missions giving. Please pray for these events as well that the Lord would work mightily in the hearts of the people and draw them closer to Himself.

I want to take a moment and say thank you for your faithfulness towards us and the Lord's work here. I strongly believe that you guys have a HUGE part in everything that goes on here in keeping us protected, provided for, strengthened, and encouraged with everything that happens. The Lord has been good to us and taught us a lot as we keep going through the storms. Sarah, about a month ago, stopped taking all of her medicine one day after she prayed about it and explained to me that she felt like she was slowly dying from all of the medication. It was a mess initially but, by faith, we removed all medicine and a couple of weeks later started treatments in a hyperbaric chamber. And just like the phenomena of whatever this is started all of a sudden, she is miraculously slowly recovering for no reason (prayers!). For the first time in six months she went down and back up the stairs on her own without help. God is really awesome! We ask that you keep praying as she is not 100% and we don't exactly know what to do to prevent it from happening again.

We love you guys, and pray for y'all. We appreciate you continuing to pray and do your part for missions around the world!

> Brothers and sisters keep up the good fight! The Russell Family Adam Sarah Kendra Braden

Prayer Requests: Sarah's Health, Souls in Mexico, Buy property and build, Spiritual and physical protection here on the field

