



Hi everyone!

Time to pack

Our time in the United States on stateside assignment will soon be coming to a close. We are busy sorting what remains of our household goods left in the U.S. in storage three years ago. We are packing some things in a closet size container to ship to Mexico, and giving away many other things. The sorting is slow and difficult work. Pray that God would give us the ability and energy to get it done quickly.

Summer Camp

We have enjoyed speaking at churches, mission conferences, and summer camps. One of the highlights of our time this summer was being able to speak daily at an elementary kids' camp in Des Moines. Charissa was able to take part in the camp and stay in the third grade girls' cabin. We saw God impact many kids with His Word and His working in their hearts that week. Lois also went along and took part in a preschool class and stayed with us in a cabin.

Speaking Opportunities

Other highlights this summer included speaking at various churches about ministry in Mexico and motivating people to be involved in missions. We enjoyed speaking at the worship and special services at churches in Illinois, Iowa, and Wyoming this year. We enjoyed seeing old friends and also making many new friends as well.

Family Visits

We were blessed with the opportunity to visit family in both Illinois and Iowa. We were able to see all the grandparents and most of the kids' aunts and uncles. The kids enjoyed fishing on the Mississippi River, visiting family in Oklahoma, and planting corn in Indiana. We all celebrated birthdays this spring and summer. Charissa finished 2nd grade. And the girls enjoyed attending swimming lessons to improve their swimming skills. They made new friends with kids in the neighborhood, and even invited them along to Vacation Bible School.

Training

In September, we will be heading to Richmond, Virginia for some intensive training in church planting. We will be there together for one week, and then Jeff will be there an additional two weeks. Pray that God would use the time to help us prepare for the work He has for us to do in Mexico.

Colima

On October 11 we will be heading to Colima, Mexico to begin ministry there. Please pray that God would expand the work there. Currently we know of three small Baptist churches there, two of which meet in homes. The city has a population of about 200,000. We hope to find just the home to rent where God wants us to be and for it to be a place of ministry.

Prayer Requests

1. Praise God for the opportunity for us to speak daily at the Des Moines area Baptist kids' camp in June. 11 kids made a commitment to follow Christ. Charissa enjoyed staying in the 3rd grade girl's cabin.
2. Pray for wisdom and energy in sorting our belongings and packing of a closet size crate to go to Mexico. The sorting process is time consuming and difficult. .
3. Pray for Charissa and Lois as they deal with preparations to move, leaving family and friends, and readjusting to the Mexican culture. Pray for their neighbor friends and their family to know the Lord.
4. Pray that God would provide just the right house for us to rent. Pray that the location would be good for ministry and that it would be ready for us soon after moving to Colima on October 11.
5. Pray for Pepe & Maru, and the church plant that meets in their home in Colima. We will be working with them and others to start new churches in the city.

Thank you for praying for us and for your support.

May the glory of Christ fill the earth!

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