

Dear brethren and friends.

I hope everyone had a wonderful 4th of July weekend. Summer is finally here, and the weather is hot here in Texas. If there is one thing I do not like about the summer is the heat. I can not deal with it at all. I don't know how some people love the heat; I just don't get it. I don't know how some people stand to be sweaty and stinky. That's how I get when I am during the summertime. No, for me, the best season is and always will be the winter, where you can get cozy with a blanket with a cup of coffee. Feeling that chill breeze hitting your face. Yea that is my weather.

Anyways, I continue my deputation in Texas. In May, I was in San Antonio, Texas. I worked San Antonio the best I could. I stayed with a family called the Bermeas, and it was a huge blessing because they help me go into mission-minded churches. I was able to get some meetings because of their information and connections. Some of the churches mention that they might take me on. God puts people in our lives for a reason. I thank God for meeting the Bermeas.

want to thank you all for praying for sister Diana. She is recovering well. She has had to go back to the hospital a few times, but it doesn't seem serious. Thank you for your prayers, and I ask you to keep praying for her family.

Our church just had its bi-monthly youth rally. They had around 60 youths come. The youth rallies have been something that is still new for our youth. We started doing the youth rallies about two years ago, but we couldn't do anything since last year. It is still new to them. As of right now, we have three churches participating. We pray that we can get more churches to come to our youth rallies.

I have mentioned that we are helping build a church in Tala. It has been a slow project and even slower now since it is the rainy season down in Guadalajara, Mexico. My pastor told me that the church in Tala has been broken into three times now and has stolen equipment. The plan now is to pick up the paste and start working on building the roof. That way, the break-ins can stop. Keep them in your prayers, please.

My home church is growing slowly. There have been new people coming in, but none have chosen to become members yet. My pastor is doing visitation to these new people coming to our church. Lord willing, we pray that they decide to become members.

As for me, I am in Hallsville, Texas. I had a meeting with a pastor name Ottis Jerrel and his church Pine Forest Baptist Church. They have been supporting my pastor and the bible school for many years. I met him a few years ago at a missionary conference we had in Mexico. When he found out that I was doing deputation, he wanted me to meet with his church. I was able to have time to make a meeting with them finally, and they took me on for support. After meeting with Pine Forest Baptist Church, pastor Ottis has been helping me get into meeting with other churches. This Sunday, I have a meeting with a church through his connection. I am praying that they can take me on.

Deputation is still going slow. Sometimes, I do get discouraged, but my pastor makes sure that it doesn't happen. He reminds me that God has been there since I've started. It is true! Ever since I've begun deputation, God has always been there for me. Deputation sure is a missionary's first step before starting his ministry to where he is called to because it builds faith. I'm pretty sure a lot of missionaries can say that their trust in the Lord grew more during deputation.

Thank you for keeping me in your prayers. May God bless you all. Your Missionary in Mexico, Salvador Lara