

Headed to México

MAY 2014

Getting Started

The beginning of a new journey... new growth, stronger faith, new friends, great joys.... God has been helping us wait for His perfect timing in starting this deputation journey, but it is finally here!

After Rolando's ordination in December and acceptance to WWNTBM, we took our survey trip (in January). Since Rolando lived in Mexico for

nine years as
an MK and
Hannah has

visited several times, this trip was mostly for the benefit of scouting out new towns and talking to local pastors to find a location that does not yet have a good church but is close enough to Guadalajara that we may be able to commute once or twice a week to David

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Institute to train national leaders alongside our fellow missionaries, the Sr. Shaws, Jr. Shaws, and the Daniels. It was so nice to be home in Mexico

again, if only for a short time, and we enjoyed spending time with our parents, who are still missionaries working not far from Guadalajara. That same week was the annual conference that Hannah's father, Pastor Fred Daniel, has headed up for the last twenty-five or so years as a week of encouragement for the missionaries and the college

students. Alas, the time came to a close far too soon, and it was back to the States for us.

Upon returning, we proceeded to gather our supplies for deputation, wait for Brookhaven Baptist Church's go-ahead on starting, and pray. Of course, we would present at our sending church first, and they scheduled us for May 25th. We almost didn't make it, though! Our first lil fulltime disciple was born on May 23rd, two weeks "overdue." God has blessed us with a beautiful and

PRAISES:

Azelia's healthy birth and good disposition

Our car breaking down and getting fixed before we started travelling

Bible study with three of Rolando's coworkers

PRAYER REQUESTS:

That the Lord will prepare hearts in Mexico to accept His Word

That we will be an encouragement to many pastors, their families, and their churches

That we will have (and take) many opportunities to minister to them

That we will find prayer warriors to team with us in reaching Mexico

That we will be patient with the Lord's timing in however long it takes to get to the field

That we will not get lazy

That we will take opportunities to witness as we travel

That we will keep the Word a priority in our daily life

That we will continue to grow together as a couple

That Hannah will be able to learn much more Spanish during this time

**PEOPLE YOU MAY ASK
ABOUT US:**

World Wide New Testament
Baptist Missions
Fred Daniel, Jr. (sending
pastor)
Danny Whetstone
Byron Foxx
Fred Daniel, III
Jerry Shaw

COMING UP:

Lots of calling and visiting
A mission week at Hannah's
uncle's church
A week with all of the State-
side WWNTBM family

healthy little girl to train up for Him.

After a great first-meeting with our sending church, and now that we have the go-ahead, we are eager to get started. Summer is a dry season for deputation missionaries, but we can start meeting new pastors and churches by visiting and calling, and we do have several promises for meetings! Praise God!

Something that has been a matter of oft prayer for us is whether to drop Rolando's job and step by faith into fulltime deputation immediately, or to wait until we have significant support coming in. Rolando's bosses, knowing of the situation,

let him go on good terms so that we could get deputation started. So, unless the Lord has lined up another job, it would seem His answer is, "Step out in faith and go!" We are thankful for an answer as it wasn't a decision easy to make.

Now that the time has come, we will be doing everything we can from our side to get to the field, and we will be relying on God to do as He has promised and care for our needs. We're so thankful for a God Who is personally involved in our little life!

Looking forward to seeing you on the deputation trail,

Rolando, Hannah,
and Azelia Ortiz

