



Headed to México

AUG 2015

Oregon Trail

It is always amazing to us as we travel out west to imagine the migrant train of wagons that traveled this journey almost 200 years ago. The section we drive in 20 hours took them anywhere from 4 to 6 months traveling about 15 miles a day. They risked many dangers along the way. River crossings, grass fires, snake bites, stormy weather, exhaustion, and disease were all threats to their lengthy journey. Yet they traveled with the hopes of a bright tomorrow. A lot of things can be learned from their perseverance and be applied to a number of areas of our lives. What I learn is that the prize is worth the run (1 Co.9:25). Overall, we



run to make it to heaven one day and hear "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," but also in a smaller scale, we run the road of deputation to make it to the place God is preparing for us. We are willing, like the settlers, to travel and face dangers, spend the time, and not cease to persevere because we believe God has a place for us ahead. Oh, and what a great joy to know He travels with us!

Our new van ran very well all the way. The increased amount of room made it possible for us to rest much more easily. Last year we traveled all 36 hours in one long leap. This year we made the trip in two sections with two days of rest in between. We had a couple of meetings that weekend which provided spiritual encouragement, and the break gave us some extra stamina as we traveled. We thank everybody who was praying for us, for certainly it was the Lord in His grace who brought us safely here. Since we have been

PRAISES:

A safe trip across the country

Our second anniversary

A lot of good meetings

Three new supporting churches

No complications with pregnancy

PRAYER REQUESTS:

That our supreme purpose would be to bring God glory

That our highest motivator would always be God's grace

That our ministry to the churches would be for their good

That the birth would go smoothly

**Psa 139:5 Thou hast beset me behind and before,
and laid thine hand upon me."**

here, we have settled in and had all of the final paperwork for the birthing center finalized. Now we eagerly await the birth of our second child. All of the meetings we scheduled for this month were close by so that, if needed, we would have plenty of time to make it to the birthing center. We are grateful that our August schedule held many opportunities to be in these churches! And we are thankful that Mom Ortiz and some of our siblings are able to be here for the birth.

I must list some prayer requests and praises that we have received lately. First we continue to have opportunities to go out door-to-door witnessing with different churches and ask that you would continue to pray that we have the right words, boldness to speak out, and opportunities set before us. Second, we praise God that since the last letter we have had three churches take us on! Third, don't forget to pray

for a smooth birth of our infant prospective-Christian, both for Hannah and the babe (she is "due" the 25th of August). Fourth, a church here in Idaho gave us the biggest love offering we have ever received: \$2,125 dollars! If the Lord permits, our present plan for that money is to get both our kids' passports and make a trip to México late this year or early next year, depending on our schedule. This will be a huge blessing because we have not had the funds to go to Mexico for two years now, and my dad (Missionary Jesse Ortiz) has not had a chance to meet his two grandkids in person. Pray for wisdom on how we spend God's money, on how we live our God-purchased-lives, and how we speak God's Message to others.

Privileged to serve Him and to serve alongside you,

Rolando, Hannah, Azelia, and Viana