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Second year done!

For two years now, we have been striving to honor God on our deputation ministry. We have learned so much in this time. As we have been seeking to find prayer supporters, God has been teaching us to pray. In our seeking to find financial supporters, God has been teaching us to give. In seeking to transmit our burden for the lost, God has increased it in ourselves.

One lesson God has been teaching me that stands out at this point in deputation is learning to wait. It seems that one of the hardest things to learn is to be still and wait on God. But I try to keep it in the forefront of my mind that God's timing is always right. I think about how before Jesus left He commanded His disciples to wait on the Holy Spirit. I don't know if that stands out to you, but I am learning the significance of it. If I am not mistaken, there are almost two months of time between Luke 24:47 and Acts 1:8. In this time God commanded a temporary cease fire. Wait. Wait. Wait. Hundreds of people are dying every day and going into everlasting darkness, this group is the only group in the world that knows the truth that can save them, and yet God says to wait nearly two months? Are there things that are so important that the Great Commission can be put on hold? Clearly here, the Holy Spirit is so essential to the Great Commission that it should never be attempted without Him.

Thankfully we know we have the Holy Spirit and do not have to wait until the end of deputation to receive Him. Even so, I believe that God has reasons to make people wait. He has an exact timing for us to arrive in Mexico. Until then, we are praying God prepare us for the field and the field for us. On the other hand, it is very encouraging to us that the end of deputation is so much closer now! We are trusting and praying that we will be done before the end of this year.

These last months have flown by so quickly. We have had

Psalm 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."

Ortiz Family

To Mexico

PRAISES:

We are now at 69% of our financial support.

The Lord has continued to protect us from harm on the road.

Azelia has learned how to sleep in her own (un-enclosed) bed.

The Lord has nearly filled our calendar with meetings.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

We will be traveling out west again this year as God has continued to open doors for us.

Pray we would indeed reach our goal and finish in November (our last scheduled meeting right now is the last week of October).

Please pray for my Grandfather who has a blood clot in his lung.

meetings in many great churches and have had many great opportunities to serve. While in Georgia, we got to stay alone in a very nice dorm of a Christian camp. It was great being able to let our girls go outside to play. While we were there, we spent time with some of God's faithful servants who were an abundant blessing to us, and we hope that we were a blessing to them.

After leaving Georgia, we headed to Florida for a conference and a few meetings. Even though we were in Florida during a tropical storm, God kept us safe on the road and got us to each destination, allowing us to travel as far south as Naples, Florida. However, we did have a hiccup on the way. Our van began making a loud banging sound on bumps and when we would slow down. It turned out that we needed to replace the control bars on the front two wheels: they were in rough shape. Usually I do my own mechanical work, but this time I didn't have the time nor the place to do it. When the mechanics told me how much it would cost, I almost decided not to do it. I consulted my wife, and we prayed about it; we had just enough to pay for it. We trusted God would take care of us, and we had the parts replaced. Not knowing our needs, the church who had invited us to the last nights of their VBS had been collecting money every night to help us. So when we went from the mechanics to the Thursday-night VBS, we were surprised to find out they had already collected what we needed. By the next night, they had far exceeded that! It was amazing! We got to help out in a second VBS before we came back north.

We promised my father-in-law and our home church we would be with them for Father's Day, so we headed that way. We were able to use the few days there to re-sort, organize, and repack our belongings (abiding in their attic) so we can be ready to go immediately.

Our WWNTBM missionary family week is a highlight of our year as we always get to hear excellent preaching, enjoy other missionary's testimonies, and also hear about what they are learning and share how things are going for us. I am currently writing this letter from that meeting, between sessions. As soon as it ends, we start journeying out west. We will be in churches in five different states in the month of July and the first half of August.

I took a little longer to write this e-mail because my computer unexpectedly died. I think it could be that the power cord went bad and it just won't turn on. I don't plan on buying a new computer unless this one is hopeless. Thankfully, I was able to take the hard drive out and back everything up - that is a huge relief. For now, I am writing this prayer letter on our old tablet.

Thank you all for your prayers,

Missionaries Rolando, Hannah, and the girls