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JUL-AUG 2016 All the way to Washington!

As I was writing this prayer letter, I noticed that I have received six prayer letters just in the last three days from different missionaries I know and for whom I pray. I have read three of them and I am going to read the others soon. In thinking about this, I am reminded of people like you across this great country who will be reading my letter soon. Without a doubt, you have other things to do with your time than read prayer letters. Even so, you choose to spend this time reading about our ministry and praying for us. In this world, time is money, they say, and it is true. We only have so much time, so it is extremely valuable. I hope it will encourage you as it encourages me to remember that in heaven we will not have a limit of time. What time we spend for Christ will cost us here, but we will be forever rewarded there. Thank you for spending some of your time on us!

We have been busy but have also gotten to spend time with family. A church in Wyoming not only gave us a meeting but invited us to go camping with them; we spent two-and-a-half days in the mountains with no phone service enjoying family, fellowship, services, and nature's wonders. We then headed on to Washington State for a meeting and quickly continued back to Idaho for seven other meetings. All the meetings were great! The place we stayed for most of the time in Idaho was my Grandfather's house. He recently had a blood clot in his lung (pulmonary embolism) and has been on the road to recovery. We were able to help out around his farm, catching up on projects that had been stacking up for a while. Several of my cousins and one aunt and uncle also came to visit, so we had a lot of extra help and some good family time. Deck work, yard work, household repairs, reorganization, cleaning: much got done.

One of the things that was really neat this last month-and-a-half was that I got to preach in Spanish six times! I don't feel more

Psalm 9:9 The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

Ortiz Family To Mexico

PRAISES:

We have had many opportunities to share the Gospel as we travel!

Five people have made professions of faith while we have been on deputation!

A church got us four new tires for the van.

We are now at 71%!

My Grandfather is recovering slowly but surely.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

My brother-in-law is getting married Saturday of next week. Pray that God would bless their marriage.

Pray our calls would result in meetings.

Pray the meetings result in opportunities to glorify God and edify the churches.

Pray we would have safe travels as we drive 2000 miles next week.

privileged to preach in a Spanish church than an English one, but I often feel that I have a bigger possibility to encourage the Spanish congregations because they don't have as many visitors. Whether that is the case or not, I have gotten to know many good Christian friends among our Hispanic brethren.

Among all the blessings, there were some bumps in the road. Literally. We hit something while driving to one of our meetings. We had gotten up early and left at 7:20am to make it to a Saturday visitation two-and-a-half hours away. Sad to say, we did not make it. About an hour down the road, we hit something and heard a loud pop. One of our wheels was completely flat. So I got the spare tire out of the car and put it on. When I let the jack down, I found that the spare tire was flat as well. God was very good to us in that He allowed this to happen just before a rest area. Being on the edge of a busy road, we decided to limp our way up to the rest area. I put the old rim back on and drove at a crawl. Though it doesn't seem like a huge thing, we considered it a great blessing to get the girls out and let them play while we waited for family to arrive. The rest of the day was busy but stress-free. We ended up leaving Boise at 2:00pm instead of 7:20am.

One of our supporting churches here jumped on this and bought us four new tires! How great God is, and how greatly His people have showed us His love! We are so grateful to God for them and many others who are on their toes, ready to do something for the sake of Christ!

Another bump in our road was Azelia falling and hurting her head pretty badly. She thankfully did not need stitches or have any later problems. This was especially good considering we were eighty miles from the nearest hospital!

I want to thank God for a third year married to Hannah. Our anniversary was the third of August. We were grateful that we had family that could watch the girls while we enjoyed a much-needed date! I'm so thankful for a wife who, with joy, travels across the country with me. Rather than discouraging me, she has always been an immense encouragement. Deputation is never boring, and it certainly is a time when God shows His servants that He travels with them wherever they go. We will be traveling back to NC on Monday and Tuesday. We would appreciate your prayers for safety and speed.

Sowing seeds for Christ,

Rolando, Hannah, Azelia, and Viana

