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Ortiz Family To Mexico

There has been much excitement as we have been planning our move to Mexico. We are so looking forward to it, and we are about **10 supporters** away from being done! We are moving our stuff to Mexico the first of December. If we are not at 100% by that point, we will need to come back to finish deputation. However, we will be going either way, as we found lately that we can actually legalize our van. It will be the last chance to get this done since they will not legalize vehicles that are over ten years old – ours is a 2006. Pray that the cost of the process is not more than what the van would be worth.

So what is left to do?

- ✓ Reserve moving truck
 - ✓ Get the girls' Mexican citizenship papers
 - ✓ Collect Hannah's documents
 - ✓ Collect documentation for vehicle
 - ✓ Buy majority of homeschool materials
 - ✓ Buy needed supplies
 - ✓ Save money for traveling expenses
 - ✓ Purge, organize, and repack our things
 - ✓ Arrange for a moving truck
 - ✓ Revisit early supporters
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- Get to 100%
 - Have commissioning service
 - Drive to Mexico

Really, everything is lined up. All we need now is about 10 more supporters! If we could get that percentage by late November, **we would be able to start work as soon as January 1st**. Would you pray that God would send us these last few so we may go home to Mexico, get a house

PRAISES:

We celebrated Rolando and Viana's birthdays this month

The life of our baby

Our moving truck was discounted \$300

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Strength to be examples in this time of loss

Keeping a ministry mindset as we finish deputation

Hannah's recovery

Final support to come in

Strength for many meetings and much traveling this fall

set up, and start the work God has prepared for us?

But our great excitement is now tainted with sorrow. I think some of you who pray for us may have not even heard that we were expecting a third child. We were going to share the joyful news with you in this letter, but on the 20th, at 3:55am, Baby was born at 9 weeks. Our wise Lord has seen it fit to call the child to Himself. It is amazing that all God wanted this child to accomplish in this life has already been fulfilled in so short an existence. We are rejoicing in the hope of seeing him again in heaven when we get there. Also, we are thankful that we got to see God's amazing creation in a perfectly beautiful, transparent amniotic sack. As I looked at him, I thought of Psalm 139:14: "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well." I looked at the extremely delicate hands of the baby and thought about how, if I were to grab the baby by the hand, I would probably accidentally break all its features because of how delicate they are, yet the God who holds the universe in His hands is the One who was knitting it together. If you pray for us, let your first prayer be for the spiritual and your second for the emotional and physical. We are doing well, truly, and we thank you for praying! We have been resting a lot this week for Hannah's sake and have nothing scheduled until the 2nd of October.

This month we had some time to revisit several of our supporting churches and are so grateful that they have been so giving. We have been mostly in North and South Carolina. In addition to the usual things of deputation, we got to teach in a Christian school. I prayed in the preparation of what I believed would be a helpful challenge to them, and I prayed before I presented it. Please, help me to pray even now that the message continues to have an effect.

So eager to get to the work ahead,
Rolando, Hannah, Azelia, Viana

