



August 2013

Dear Praying Friends,



We are currently on the road. We have been able to visit a number of churches and family members. We also got to take in a few landmarks in DC and Philadelphia.

We wish to report that the church plant in Santa Monica celebrated its first anniversary and Mother's Day on the same day. The men decided they wanted to grill out to celebrate. And grill they did in the rain.

The Lord has worked in the church, and four members were baptized in July. Please pray for the member's faith as Satan often attacks, and the families get discouraged. We are thankful for two more who have expressed a desire to help out in children's ministries at the church.

Thanks to a supporting church's generous donation the church's second bathroom is now usable and mostly finished.

We also want to report that there has been an interest in using the OREMUNDO and theology online classes in group settings. We have been speaking to a new group from Venezuela who want to study together. They like the idea of staying accountable to their studies in this way. The groups in Campeche and in Zacatecas are doing well in their studies. I'll be traveling to Zacatecas once again in the fall when we return from our trip. If possible, I will take my family with me.



This fall we will be recording classes in High Definition format thanks to another donation for HD equipment. We will be recording the class Hebrews this fall. The new equipment will allow us to do more online. Pray that we will learn quickly.

Just when we think that we are getting into a safer mode in Mexico, evil rises up again. This time shootout incidents were very close to our home. Please pray for the safety of the students, staff and missionaries at the Christian university. Also, our house was broken into while we have been on the road. Another missionary family was staying in our home. Jason and Heather Armstrong (with GFA) were asleep and an intruder stole some equipment and money, but did not harm them. Please pray for all of us. And that the robber will be caught.



Carena finished 3<sup>rd</sup> grade very well. She had a high gpa and received no demerits at school all year. She will miss the friends she made in class as this new school year she will homeschool once again. But she has plans to learn to sew and take art class with mom. She also got to go to drama camp that her school was offering. She learned a little bit about using puppets. We enjoyed the mini plays the kids at camp put on at the end of the week.

We are currently in Kansas City where we were able to help organize a 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary reception for my parents. We will be departing this week to head back towards the East coast for 6 more weeks of travels.

We covet your prayers.

Russell, Debbie & Carena Raymer.

