

# Word from the Wilsons

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## Family Missions Trip to Mexico—Pre-Sabbatical Update

Many people have been asking about our family sabbatical from Camp Forest Springs this summer. Our plane tickets have been purchased and we will fly from Chicago to Mexico City on July 10, returning August 7.

We are blessed and encouraged by how God is providing for this trip! We can say with the Apostle Paul, "*(We) have received full payment and even more; (we are) amply supplied...the gifts you sent... are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.*"

As with any missions trip, we know that flexibility will be a key to success. Though plans are somewhat fluid, here is what we (think we ☺) know.

- *We will be renting a house in the village of Ticumán.*
- *We will be helping the missionaries working with a local church to run a week of Vacation Bible School involving around 150 adults and children.*
- *We will be meeting with local ministers and nationals that God is leading to be involved in the camping ministry at El Monté. We will also see a number of our Mexican Christian Camping Colleagues.*
- *We will be involved in a week of camp at one of the most developed Christian camps in Mexico, Campamento Kikoten.*
- *We are also planning to visit another new camping ministry, Campamento Kikomar, near Veracruz on the Gulf of Mexico.*
- *We will be involved in some general work projects on the site of the El Monté Ministry Center.*

Our missionary friends wrote in a recent email, "[We encourage you to freely allow the Lord to plan your days.](#)" Pray for us as we trust God to do just that!

## Meanwhile at Camp Forest Springs...

Our summer programs have begun! Memorial Day Weekend kicked off our summer ministry with a family camp. That same weekend, we welcomed 11 new LTD students for a year of training in Christian Camping ministry. The following weekend, 90 summer staff arrived for staff training and we have just finished our second week of the Counselor Training Institute. Sunday, June 18, brought the beginning of five weeks of youth camps.

## El Monté

a new Christian camp and Missionary Training Center in Ticumán, Morelos, within 90 minutes of Mexico City.

The purpose of the El Monté Ministry Center is to disciple and equip Mexican believers to reach their country and the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through:

1. A Missionary Training Center
2. A Premier Christian Camp & Conference Center
3. A Pastoral Retreat.



Paul has been more involved than ever in the training classes for summer staff and counselors. It has been very enjoyable and has required full attention. Roxanne and the kids have really enjoyed getting to know many of the summer staff. We have staff from at least 16 different states and five foreign countries.



## On the home front

Kerra graduated from Rib Lake High School on May 26. We hosted an open house for her the next day. It was a special event celebrating her accomplishments and a blessing to have both sides of the family well represented. One of the most special parts of that event was that Roxanne's dad, mom, and sister were all able to attend. Roxanne's dad suffered a severe brain aneurism on April 3 and after three weeks in ICU and two more in the hospital, no one would have believed that he would be able to come all the way from Davenport, Iowa. Pray for his continued progress as he is in some intensive therapy.



Joelle recently had a piano recital and did very well. She performed not only her prepared pieces, but also some of her improvised work. She is one who plays a lot by ear and truly has an ear for music. She completed the 4<sup>th</sup> grade in early June. Joelle will be taking "Curious George" from her school with us on our trip. She will make a picture journal and present it in school next year. It will also be displayed on her school website.



Kyle performed his first vocal solo at the spring choir concert and received many compliments! Kyle, Peter, and Kerra all performed in an instrumental ensemble at church in May. Peter is just itching to go fishing every chance he gets. He also helped us trap a skunk that had taken up residence under our shed this spring. One other tidbit of family news... Kyle has finally passed up Paul and Peter has passed up Roxanne. ☺ They're growing so fast, we'll see how they do on tacos, frijoles, and pasole soup.



### Prayer requests:

- God's preparation work in our hearts for Sabbatical
- Travel details
- Health & Safety
- Summer Ministry at Camp Forest Springs
- Kerra's preparation for college in August

In Christ,

*Paul & Roxanne*

We will be sending short email updates from Mexico. If you want to be sure you are on our list, please email us and let us know before July.