

Word from the Wilsons

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Bridges—Sabbatical Report & Family Update

The hanging footbridge pictured above crosses the river running through the beautiful valley in which the Mexican village of Ticumán is situated. Believe it or not, many people cross that bridge every day. Ticumán, Morelos, Mexico is where our family spent the month of July for our sabbatical from Camp Forest Springs.

Bridges...

"*Bridges*" is a descriptive word for our family life right now. Our whole family *bridged* from summer ministry at Camp Forest Springs to ministry in Mexico. We *bridged* back again into the middle of family camps in August. We thank the Lord for this wonderful experience and for the very gracious staff at Camp Forest Springs. We are pleased to report that we met our four family goals for this missions experience:

1. Minister as a family cross-culturally
2. A lasting spiritual impact on our family
3. Grow relationships
4. Learn about Mexican culture for ministry

We thank the Lord for His bountiful provision and for a safe and effective trip. We hit the ground running spending the **first week** at the local church helping with Vacation Bible School. It was a great way to immerse ourselves in the culture and language. We met a lot of people and became familiar faces to them. Our **second week** we did a work project at the El Monte Ministry Center.

The **third week** we spent at Campamento Kikoten a Mexican-run camp in the mountains south of Mexico City. Joelle became a camper,

Kerra a counselor, Kyle and Peter joined the program team and Paul led the morning counselor

devotions. Our **fourth week** included more work projects at El Monte as well as some sightseeing.



Many people received weekly emails from us giving more detailed accounts of our time there and sharing our prayer requests. *We would like to move toward more email in the future so please be sure to give us your email address if you did not receive these email reports.*

This fall included a *bridge* for our oldest daughter Kerra (18) as she moved to Northwestern College in St. Paul. Our son Kyle (14) has recently *bridged* from the local public school to Abbotsford Christian Academy for his 9th grade year. Peter (12) and Joelle (10) are *bridging* into 7th and 5th grades respectively in the local public schools.



Now we Face Another Bridge...

This was our third trip to El Monte and Paul's fourth trip to Mexico in the last three years. Paul has been invited again to the November CCI/Mexico national convention. When Paul first received the phone call to speak in Mexico in the fall of '03, he had a sense that God was doing something more—a sense that that trip was only the beginning of more to come. This summer's family missions trip was a further result of God opening that door.

Now we are sensing from the Lord that He may be calling us to help begin the camp & conference ministry at the El Monte Ministry Center in Mexico! It's a long and involved story going back over three years and we would be happy to answer your questions. On September 6 we formally shared this story with the Camp Forest Springs' staff. Please be in prayer for us as we begin the application process with WEC International Mission (Worldwide Evangelization for Christ, www.wec-usa.org).

If change is coming, we believe it is important to give time for a good transition. From here we envision serving at Camp Forest Springs through next summer (It will be our 23rd summer!). Pending our acceptance into WEC, we would attend the WEC Candidate Orientation next fall in Philadelphia.

We need your continued support! ***Please pray for us as we seek the Lord and His will for our lives. None of this is complete. We are only beginning an application process.*** There are many points at which God could close the door, but our clear sense at this time is that God is calling us to take this step of faith. We have many more *bridges* to cross.

2 Corinthians 5:14a "For Christ's love compels us"

Amigos en Cristo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul & Roxanne". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the contact information.

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