



"But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him. But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved."
Hebrews 10:38-39 NIV

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Greetings once again from our (school-year) home at Rio Grande Bible Institute in Edinburg, Texas!



We are back in Texas studying hard and progressing in our knowledge and use of the Spanish language. This is our last semester here as we complete the final stages of preparation for service on the field in Mexico. Our whole family is involved in language learning. You may recall that our daughter Kerra (20) graduated from language school here last spring. Roxanne and I anticipate graduating this December. Our son Peter (14) is enrolled in language study fulltime in the first semester this fall. Kyle (16) and Joelle (12) are home schooling each day and taking private Spanish classes three days a week. Peter will have some catching up to do in home school, but the opportunity for concentrated language study is too important to pass up!



Last Summer in Mexico

We were privileged to spend June and July in Ticumán, Mexico. It was a summer for acclimation to our new ministry, culture, and environment. Our family hosted *our* first US work-team. I have pictures and stories of their visit and all that was accomplished on our website blog, www.wilsonnews.net. The group came from Ohio, but the connection is through our previous ministry at Camp Forest Springs! Andrew Bishop grew up as a staff kid at camp and is now an associate pastor at a church in Ohio. He brought a group of 5 and then his parents and siblings (5 more people) joined him there. We had a very enjoyable and productive time working at El Monte! Please do take a few minutes and look through the pictures online!

We've had the privilege to be part of sharing the Gospel with our neighbor's gardener and with the local doctor. Roxanne and I both had to go to the doctor for physical needs. Through this, the doctor began asking many questions about us and why we were there. He wanted to know if we were Mormons. Unfortunately, the Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses are very active there! I did my best with broken Spanish to share scripture with him and talk about the Lord. It's a foundation and we will be looking for opportunities to follow-up with him. Pray for Dr. Torres.



This was the longest time we've lived in Mexico and while it was very good, we saw some of the realities of life in a different culture. There are adjustments

that we need to go through and by God's grace we will. We are praising the Lord for His provision for our needs. We drove more than 7100 miles in three months. Needless to say, it was an expensive summer, but we thank God for how He is working! It is always fascinating to see how and who God chooses to use to provide for the needs. We are blessed and thankful as some have given more and others have given for the first time. We invite you to rejoice with us as we thank the Lord together.

When School is Done

We are anticipating our winter deputation travels and would appreciate your prayer. Here's what we know so far:

In Summary:

- **Dec 9 Graduation from Language School**
- **Dec 15 fly to Minnesota**
- **Christmas with our families in MN and IA**
- **Dec 27-31 Wintertainment at Camp Forest Springs for Kerra, Kyle and Peter**
- **Jan – Feb 11 deputation reports and good-byes**
- **Feb 11 fly back to South Texas**
- **Final prep and move into Mexico**

Right after graduation, we'll move out of our on-campus apartment and load our truck and trailer leaving it here in Texas for two months. We will fly to Minnesota on December 15 and spend the holidays with family. Then we will travel around the Midwest visiting churches, family, and friends. Our return flight to Texas is on Feb 11 after which we get our visas and car papers and begin the 730 mile drive down to Ticumán, Morelos, Mexico.

Praises

- ❖ Safe travels all summer through the upper Midwest and down through Mexico
- ❖ For good fellowship with classmates who share a passion for Christ and a heart for Spanish speaking people
- ❖ The privilege to give concentrated time and effort to learn the Spanish language
- ❖ The opportunity to go into México for June and July to serve with our mission

Prayer Requests

- ❖ Our planned winter of deputation and travel in the Midwest, Dec 15-Feb 11
- ❖ Health and strength while in a strenuous study schedule
- ❖ God's continued provision for our finances
- ❖ God's continued work in our hearts preparing us for the mission field
- ❖ For our family and friends as we say good-bye

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