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Monday, June 25, 2012

Dear family and friends....

It has been a whirlwind these past few days. Last Saturday we received a work team from Indiana (9 people in the team – 7 adults and 2 kids. They are from a church that supports my cousin Bob Buhler and his family (my cousin Bob is here as well). Yesterday the team attended church and then help set some things up for the week. Afterwards we took them on a tour of Pachuca followed by tacos and ice cream. Bright and early this morning the team arrived at the church to do construction work. They are laying bricks for the wall of the church. Since everything here is done by hand (making cement, carrying cement, laying bricks, etc..), the team got a quick lesson. We had beautiful weather today so the team got a lot done. After working on the construction for most of the day, the team rested a bit, ate supper and then went back to the church this evening for English classes. Tonight we had about 25 students. Many were first timers. We all had a fun time. The rest of the week will look the same as they continue to build, paint and teach English. Please pray for the team and for those coming to the classes.

The team leaves on Saturday to return to the US, however, we leave this coming Wednesday. We will be spending the month of July in the US (Texas, Wisconsin, & Colorado). We will be visiting doctors, seeing friends and family and attending our mission's convocation in Colorado. This is a week-long conference where all the Camino Global missionaries will be attending. Please pray for our trip (safety, family fun, rest and provision). The kids are looking forward to being in the US for a bit. We have planned to make some special trips to some historical and fun places.

Thank you for your continued prayers, support and encouragement. God bless and keep in touch.

Jonathan

Friday, June 29, 2012

Dear Family and Friends

We arrived in San Antonio Wednesday evening around 7pm. It is ever hot here. When we left Pachuca it was in the low 50's the morning we left. The plan was for us to stay in a hotel and on Thursday morning friends from Houston were going to drive to San Antonio on their way to Colorado to drop off a car for us to use. As we were arriving at the hotel our friends from Houston called saying that due to complications and emergencies they were not able to make it the next day. Our friends then paid for me to fly from San Antonio to Houston the following morning (6 am). So I got up early yesterday, flew to Houston and then drove back to San Antonio. I arrived in San Antonio around 1245 pm. Barbara and the kids were rested and ready to go. We left the hotel around 1 pm to go to the Post Office to renew our passports. Josiah's expired yesterday and Barbara's and mine in early August. After a wait we were able to process Barbara's and mine. Josiah's we were not able to process as his birth certificate needs to be the long birth certificate now. This policy changed recently. Today we are going to get his birth certificate when we arrive in Dallas early this afternoon. Pray that the process to get this long birth certificate won't take long. We hope to then process his passport later today or early tomorrow. There are some places still open.

We left the Post Office around 330 pm and had a quick bite for lunch. Then we headed to the Alamo. Josiah studied the Alamo this year. It was a fun time. After leaving we decided to head toward Dallas. Last night we spent the night in Salado. During our trip there Abigail began to have to go to the bathroom a lot. To make a long story short, we ended up in the ER at Temple, Texas. Abigail has a bladder infection. She could not wait for us to get to Dallas as she was so uncomfortable. So last night we drove to the hospital around 10 pm. We arrived back at the hotel close to 1 am. Needless to say we are tired.

Please pray for us. Pray for God's protection over us. It has been a crazy few days in the US. Pray that we would get Josiah's passport done. Pray that his and our passports will get processed quickly and be returned us before we have to leave at the end of July. Pray for protection over the roads. Pray for health and safety. Pray for rest and a good time as a family. We will be in the Dallas area until early Tuesday morning. On Tuesday we head toward Wisconsin to be with Barbara's mom and family.

Thanks

Jonathan

