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Prayer Needs:

- Making our pledge goal by August of this year
- God's continued protection as we travel during our itineration
- For individuals to respond to God's call on their lives as a result of our ministry
- An increased burden for His will to be done in our lives, both here in the states and on the mission field

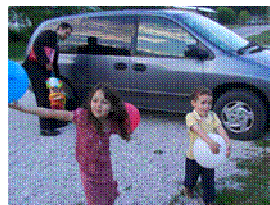
"...He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."
—Philippians 1:6

Praise Reports:

- We have 33% of the pledge support needed to go to the field
- Dave finished the marathon without injury

Can we trust Him? *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight"* Proverbs 3:5-6

With all the traveling we've been doing, we're always thankful for a straight road—you know, the kind with little-to-no twists, turns, or hills. To our surprise, we found some recently in the "boot hill" of Missouri.



God in His Word, promises to make our path of life straight if we will acknowledge Him in all of our ways. Acknowledging Him means to recognize Him as Lord by seek-

ing His wisdom and not relying on our own. In reading His Word this year, the theme of trusting in Him seems to be at the forefront. The verse quoted above is even one that has been committed to memory. However, we tend to gloss over the "conditions" stated in the passage. Maybe a better question would be "Do we acknowledge Him in all things?" If we do, it will certainly follow that our trust is solely in Him.

It's good to know that our understanding of things is not as important as God's wisdom and knowledge. In our situation, understanding how to get from Springfield, MO to Merida, Yucatan, Mexico is faulty at best. Isn't it great to know, though, that the Lord knows how and when and

by what means it will happen? We do have an important job in all of this, however. Our whole family does. It is to acknowledge God in every step, thank Him for who He is, and recognize that we can put our trust completely in Him. As we continue to give over our own understanding of things, I know our trust in Him will grow, and He will prove Himself as He continues to do for many of you.

Thank you for your continued prayers and partnership in our ministry. We appreciate your encouragement as we visit with you and hear about your own life experiences in trusting the Lord.

How far is it to Mexico anyway?

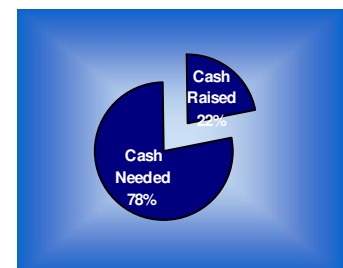
This time of preparation for the mission field has been incredible. Our main goal these past few months has been to create and maintain relationships with churches who are partnering with us in prayer and financial support. So far, we have met with approximately 100 churches. Several of you have committed to a monthly pledge



in addition to praying for our family and the people of Mexico. What a blessing! We also want to say a special "thank you" to those churches we have yet to meet who have made a decision to support us simply from hearing about our call to "go."

Officially, we have received 33 percent of what we need in monthly pledges from family, friends, and our growing church base. As pledges come in, our cash budget will grow as well. Currently, our itineration expenses are staying below the average - this will help us make it to Mexico sooner! As your commit-

ments come in to AGWM, together we will see our monthly pledge goal reached. Those of you who would like to commit to monthly giving and haven't done so with a pledge form can contact us so that we can send one to you. Our goal now is to keep you updated on our progress and pray that the Lord speeds our journey.



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Jonathan is now 2 years old after celebrating a birthday in November. He is currently potty training and doing a fantastic job. We are all looking forward to the day we say “goodbye” to diapers! Joseph turned 4

this month. He just started a gymnastics class with other boys and girls his age and loves it! And Rebekah is 6 after having her birthday in January. She has lost two teeth to date and is reading very well for her age. She continues to enjoy ballet and meeting new girls her age at churches we visit. She, of course, is our social butterfly. The children have been so flexible and have adapted well to our traveling. When we’re home they enjoy reading books and spending time at the library and outdoors—yes, we’ve had a few days in the 60s here in Springfield!



Marathon for Mexico—the results are in!



Why do I run? Lots of reasons, but this past December it was to help raise the cash necessary for us to make it to Mexico—and what a wonderful response we got from our supporters! You sent in a total of \$2,133.00, and I ran my best time at 3 hours, 49 minutes for the entire 26.2 miles. Thanks!

Where can you find us in the months of March, April, and May?

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| 3/2 Rambo A/G Edgar Springs, MO | 3/30 AVAILABLE SERVICE (South Carolina) | 5/1 Ash Grove A/G Ash Grove, MO
Bethel A/G Springfield, MO |
| 3/6 Licking A/G Licking, MO
Highlandville A/G Highlandville, MO | 4/3 Marionville A/G Marionville, MO
Abundant Life A/G Neosho, MO | 5/4 First A/G De Soto, M |
| 3/9 Oak Grove A/G Springfield, MO | 4/6 Lakeside A/G Pittsburg, MO | 5/8 First A/G Park Hills, MO
Vulcan A/G Vulcan, MO |
| 3/13 A/G Pacific, MO
Bethany Chapel Hazelwood, MO | 4/10 Family Worship Center Linn, MO
First A/G Gray Summit, MO | 5/11 Lighthouse Assembly Theodosia, MO |
| 3/16 First A/G Fort Myers, FL | 4/13 DISTRICT COUNCIL—Springfield, MO | 5/15 Stonebrook A/G Kansas City, MO
Blue Springs A/G Blue Springs, MO |
| 3/20 First A/G Marshall, MO
Faith A/G Concordia, MO | 4/17 Russellville A/G Russellville, MO
First A/G Richland, MO | 5/18 First A/G Carthage, MO |
| 3/23 New Life A/G West Plains, MO | 4/20 First A/G Mansfield, MO | 5/22 Fisk A/G Fisk, MO
First A/G Dexter, MO |
| 3/27 EASTER SUNDAY (traveling to Georgia and South Carolina) - no services scheduled | 4/24 New Life Community Chesterfield, MO
First A/G Herculeaneum, MO | 5/25 Republic A/G Republic, MO |
| | 4/27 Calvary A/G Cuba, MO | 5/29 Christian A/G Independence, MO
Blue Ridge A/G Kansas City, MO |

We are looking forward to service with each one of you!