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pray

- For continued daily protection for our family, physically, mentally, and spiritually
- Wisdom and foresight in accepting ministry opportunities.
- *Praise:* We've received our resident visas!

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Fully involved could be a good descriptor of our kids in Mexico.



Joseph and Bekah had a house full of friends over for their birthdays in January and February, while the Christmas Pageant was a wonderful success. Rebekah and Joseph both recited poetry. Later Bekah assumed the role of an angel, while Joseph and Jonathan played the part of birds who witnessed the birth of Christ.

Treasure in Jars of Clay

This quarter has been struggle for us. Stricken with a sinus infection in December, Dave was treated with antibiotics, and all of us fully expected that he was cured. However, in January, the symptoms returned, this time accompanied by a hospital-grade resistant bacteria. The treatment and recovery has continued up the publication of this newsletter.

This infection and the weakness that has accompanied it, has given us pause for thought on our truly weak human condition.

Each of us carries our own weight of imperfections and weaknesses that we struggle to overcome. Still, God uses these imperfections in His perfect plan.

One afternoon, during the kids' athletic program, God opened the

doors to allow Dave to minister to a parent in a disintegrating marriage. God used Dave's broken past in order to minister the perfect plan of divine love into this man's situation.



You see, it is in the intersection of our weak human condition, and God's amazing grace that power is displayed to those around us. Like Paul says in 2 Cor. 4:7: we have this "treasure in jars of clay." We show the reality of God's power through His redemption of our brokenness, and, as we continue to allow Him to work in our lives, He takes our brokenness and makes

into something beautiful.

So as you read this newsletter, we ask for your prayers for our health and strength, but more than that we ask that God would continue to use these imperfect clay jars in order to pour out His perfect love.

Personal Evangelism—From Theory to Practice

The beginning of November brought an opportunity to teach personal evangelism in the Bible Institute.

Dave taught this class of seven first-year students the basics of the gospel and how to make sharing the love of Christ part of their daily lives. We received many reports of God's faithfulness through the student's efforts, and eyes were opened to



the need reach out to the lost through the course of this 8 week term. Still, the end of this class has brought about the beginning of something even bigger.

Upon learning of our involvement at the Bible Institute, local pastor Orlando Vazquez has asked us to help lead the evangelism efforts of his church. We'll start by training the members and then launch out in practical ministry with an aim to see the unchurched come into a relationship with Jesus.

So we continue to see God's hand guiding us in making His ministry vision of making disciples a reality here in Mérida—from the theory of the classroom to the practice of the local church.