

Making a Comeback

Everyone loves to hear of a great comeback story, be it an individual overcoming adversity to make it back on top, or a sports team returning to its former glory. We love it because we appreciate how hard it is to repeat success. So when the comeback happens, we realize that we are receiving something truly special.

Let me tell you about a comeback in progress: this last year, I ran a marathon in the best time I'd ever run one. It was a great moment. However, that run left me on the sidelines, stuck with a leg injury that persisted for 6 months. But while some would have said it's time to hang up the running shoes, I said, "It's time for a comeback."

A year ago, we were on the field in Mexico wrapping up our first term as missionaries in the Yucatan.

We had built relationships and were looking toward opportunities to leverage those successes in future ministry. However, in January, eight months away from our scheduled return date, we had a mountain of monthly support to raise, at the height of some \$2,000. But while some would have despaired at such a goal to reach, we said, "It's comeback time."

So, rally cap in place, we started the process to return. Physically, it meant going through physical therapy and dedicating myself to nutrition, making sure that my tank was full of the fuel I needed to power the comeback. After months of rehab and baby steps in my return to running, I finally had a breakthrough—a personal record in the Kitchen Run 5K this May.



The Kitchen Run 5K May 8, 2010

Our return to Mexico could be thought of similarly. Although the economic climate had changed, we understood that we live in a time where connections are more diverse and easily sustainable and that potential audiences are more abundant. We decided to leverage those connections, networking as we were able through tools we never dreamed of only four years ago.

Of course, in all of this, we understood one thing had not changed. We still serve the same God who is able to do exceedingly and abundantly more than we ask or think. So, while we worked on this comeback as though it all depended on us, we prayed knowing that it all depends upon Him. He is the one who provides the breakthroughs, and He has. After setting our goal of \$72 per week of additional monthly support, hitting the phones, and

holding services, we're happy to report that we've seen an average of \$97 come in each week, leaving us with just \$424 more to raise between now and August 31st!

We rejoice in the fact of God's provision and that our comeback is in full steam, but we take nothing for granted as we set our sights on our return date. We can't leave until that goal is reached. If you've been supporting us faithfully, thank you! But if you've been holding out to jump on the bandwagon, now's the time. Your support can send us. Partner with us today!

Thoughts? Comment at <http://www.disciplemexico.org/2010/05/making-a-comeback-progress-report-part-2.html>.



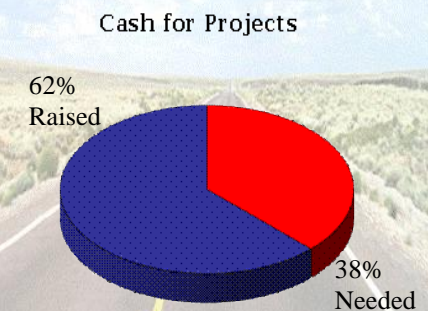
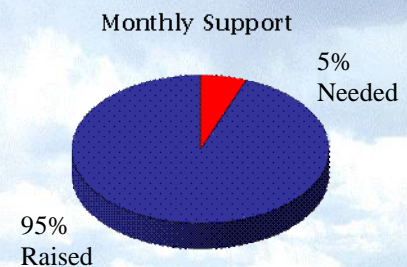
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Ha Ha Tonka State Park

In the fourteen years that we have lived in Springfield, not once had we traveled the 2 hours northeast to explore the castle ruins in Ha Ha Tonka State Park. It's fun to say! Of course, we only scratched the surface during our mere hour Sunday afternoon visit as we travelled between services, but it was well worth the stop. We had a chance to see the Castle ruins, the dream of a man wanting a little European experience in America, purchasing 5,000 acres of land and building a mansion, his castle, overlooking the beautiful landscape.

One can imagine his vision of building a structure that would last for years—a home to be enjoyed both by himself and generations of his family members. Sadly, he died before it

barely began, and the enormous structure, completed by his sons, was destroyed by fire after only about 20 years standing.

Now its ruins stand vacant on the state park of Ha Ha Tonka overlooking the amazing natural land formations that exist because of the karst topography there. It's an eerily beautiful reminder of the fleeting nature of possessions, no matter how grand.

We hope to go back to take a trek over the natural bridge, or on a hike to see the spring that is the 12th largest in Missouri - supplying 48,000,000 gallons of water DAILY! You might want to include it in your summer plans this year. Maybe we'll see you there taking in the beauty, as we remind ourselves to seek first His Kingdom!

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As a missionary family we understand that the end of one thing means a new beginning in another. Wrapping up Homeschool Godzwa this month means the beginning of summer full of Andy's Frozen Custard (see picture below), Royal Ranger Pow Wows and Summer Camp for the kids. So while there may be some sadness as we say goodbye to the books and papers of the school year, we welcome all that this summer has to offer.

In a similar way, the wrapping up of our itineration period means a new beginning on the mission field in the Yucatán. So, while we will miss being among you, we know that you are behind us as we prepare with increasing anticipation for our mid-September departure date. The passports have been renewed. The visas are in process. We're excited that, in just a few short months, we'll be returning to Mexico!



Where can you find us in the months of June, July and August?

6/2	Russellville A/G Russellville, MO	7/4	Summerville A/G Summerville, MO	8/4	Church on the Rock Lee's Summit, MO
6/6	Praise A/G Springfield, MO Nevada A/G Nevada, MO	7/7	First A/G Osceola, MO	8/8	Godzwa Family Reunion Erie, PA
6/9	MIDWEEK SERVICE AVAILABLE	7/11	First Family Church Lake Ozark, MO First A/G Versailles, MO	8/11	Dave's Mom's 60th Birthday
6/13	King's Chapel A/G Springfield, MO First A/G Richland, MO	7/14	New Life A/G Oak Grove, MO	8/15	Manassas A/G Bristow, VA
6/16	First A/G Branson, MO	7/18	Stockton A/G Stockton, MO Blue Springs A/G Blue Springs, MO	8/18	MIDWEEK SERVICE AVAILABLE
6/20	Family Worship Center Linn, MO Bethel Fellowship Florissant, MO	7/21	MIDWEEK SERVICE AVAILABLE	8/22	New Hope A/G Seymour, MO Abundant Life A/G Neosho, MO
6/23	First A/G St. James, MO	7/25	Faith A/G Forsyth, MO First A/G Strafford, MO	8/25	Bethel A/G Liberty, MO
6/27	Missions Convention The Bridge Warrenton, VA	7/26-7/31	Packing week to prepare for return to Mexico	8/29	Living Stones Mountain Grove, MO Crocker A/G Crocker, MO
6/30	Victory A/G Adrian, MO	8/1	Republic A/G Republic, MO Glad Tidings A/G Greenfield, MO		We are looking forward to our services with you!