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pray

- God's help as we transfer now from language school to Mexico.
- Continued daily protection for our family, physically, mentally and spiritually
- For relationships with national leaders with whom we can partner in Mexico.

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Fresh from their own language school experience, Rebekah, Joseph, and Jonathan have each found their own ways to communi-



cate in the Latin Culture. Rebekah is our social butterfly, Joseph has begun an affinity for soccer, and Jonathan makes friends by borrowing cell phones!

Where Has the Time Gone?

Looking back, it certainly doesn't seem like a year has gone by since we said goodbye to family and friends in the US in order to head to language school in Costa Rica. But here we are in August, back in the States, yet writing again about new departures.

Last August 29th, we received clearance from Assemblies of God World Missions to begin our studies in the language and culture of the people of Latin America. This August 11th, Kelly and I graduated from CINCEL, the A/G language school, after a year of study there. And while our experience was not without its share of difficulties, we were pleased to finish our time in Costa Rica having established a solid base in the Spanish language, having

entered into the culture of Latin America, and having developed lasting friendships with fellow missionaries and professors alike. Still, language school was only the beginning, the preparation for our missionary career. We now bid farewell to the familiar once more in order to embark on the next leg of our journey. On to Mexico!



Having received the approval of the Mexican General Presbytery to work, we are finalizing our preparations to relocate for the final two years of our term in order to start our missions work in Mérida. Once there, we will join with fellow missionaries Paul and Sandy Kazim as they mentor us in our first years of ministry on the field.

Speed the Light Comes Through in a BIG Way!



Planning to drive belongings into Mexico is pretty complicated when you don't have a vehicle to use to transport them. This was the situation that we were facing at the close of language school. A shortfall in STL funds meant that money was not available to purchase a new vehicle. Nevertheless, thanks to Gail Mitchell,

the project coordinator for Speed the Light and the approval of Darin Poe in Southern Missouri District Youth Office, we were able to receive the vehicle that we needed: a 2005 Ford Expedition with seating for 9 or a missionary family of 5 with all of their stuff.

Not only will this SUV serve as our means of transportation to the field, it will also be our vehicle that will enable us to "speed the light" so that the kingdom of God might grow in Mexico. So we want to encourage those of you who support Speed the Light, and challenge those of you who have yet to make a pledge to get behind this necessary ministry!