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Mexico Missive

Ministry News from Dave and Kelly Godzwa

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Prayer Needs:

- Making our pledge goal by mid-August this year
- Wisdom as we make decisions regarding renting our home
- Continued health, strength and safety as we finish out our itineration

Go the Distance

With the goal in sight, a mere 3 months away, our adrenaline is pumping for the final stretch of our itineration. We make plans and take care of details to prepare for a move from Springfield, MO to San Jose, Costa Rica to attend language school at the end of August. Tears come to my eyes as I think of the opportunity we have to immerse ourselves in the language of those to whom God has called us to minister. I recall the bittersweet moment experienced on an missions trip to the Dominican Republic between myself and Madeline, a young girl at an orphanage there. As our team was leaving she whispered a phrase in my ear in Spanish. Because I didn't

know the language, I asked for a translator to come and interpret, but Madeline wouldn't repeat those words meant only for me. Ever since I have thought about the importance of being able to communicate to others in their native tongue. I believe the Lord uses experiences like this one to strengthen His peoples resolve in the tasks that He puts before us. We are determined to "go the distance," and we are encouraged by Paul's words to the Philippians, "*my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*" Be encouraged by the promise of the Lord's provision in your life today!



Kelly with Madeline in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

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

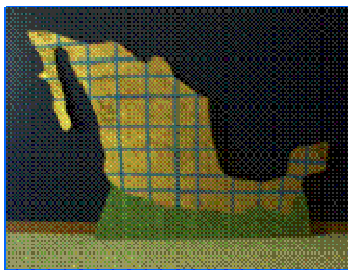
Praise Reports:

- We have 67% of the pledge support needed to go to the field!
- God has enabled us to become debt-free (besides our mortgage) as we prepare to leave for the field

How big is Mexico?

The World Fact Book describes Mexico's size as just under 3 times the size of Texas—that's 1,972,550 sq. km. In terms of people, there are an estimated 106 million. Well, we've broken Mexico down into 52 squares

because of its great size. "Why?" you may ask. We did it partially as a visual representation for ourselves and the churches we

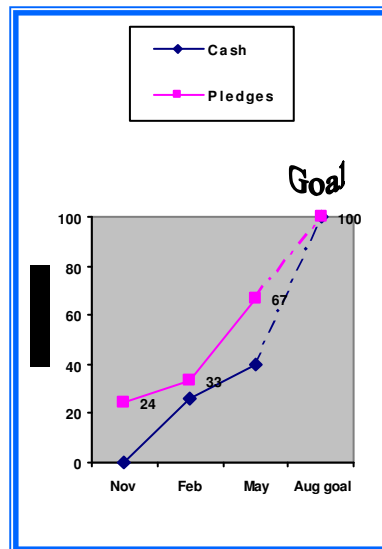


visit. You see, in terms of money, each square represents a \$50 monthly pledge (with 43

left to complete the map!). As we fill in each square we know we are *that much* closer to leaving for language school and Mexico. Each square, in effect, represents just over 2 million people. And with 38 missionaries currently assigned to Mexico, that isn't even 1 missionary for every square. Mexico is big. But God's heart is big-

ger, And it is His desire for all to come to a saving knowledge of Him.

Monthly Cash and Pledge Progress Since November



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Our family had the opportunity to visit extended family and friends over the Easter holiday. We all had a wonderful time and made lots of warm memories. At the end of April, Rebekah per-

formed in a recital, and what an (*continued below...*) (*...continued from above*) incredible job she did! Joseph and Jonathan have been letting out all their "boy" energy doing gymnastics, playing at parks, and walking with the family. They whole family recently participated in a local 5K fun run where Rebekah took 1st place in her age group and Dave came in 2nd for the stroller division. This summer we pray you and your family can find special ways to grow in the knowledge of God and experience the fellowship of the body of Christ. "Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we will reap if we do not lose heart." Gal. 6:19

The Last Leg of Itineration . . . this is our prayer . . .

6/1	Grace A/G Florissant, MO	<i>* indicates current pledge partner—thanks!</i>	8/3-4	General Council Denver, CO	
6/5	Bethel A/G Cape Girardeau, MO 1st A/G Piedmont, MO	7/3	East Side A/G Kansas City, MO (both services)	8/7	Benton A/G Stillwater, PA Back Mountain Harvest Trucksville, PA
6/8	1st A/G Mountain View, MO	7/6	1st A/G Camdenton, MO	8/10	1st A/G Wilkes Barre, PA*
6/12	Living Word Community Church Mechanicsville, MD* (no current PM service)	7/10	Crown Pointe Church Lees Summit, MO 1st A/G Odessa, MO	8/14	A/G Church Jersey Shore, PA New Testament A/G Millville, PA
6/15	1st A/G Sullivan, MO	7/13	Parkton A/G Barnhart, MO	8/17	Galeton A/G Galeton, PA
6/19	Peace Chapel Bucyrus, MO 1st A/G Mountain Grove, MO	7/17	1st A/G Joplin, MO Calvary Christian A/G Springfield, MO*	8/21	Cornerstone A/G Boynton, PA Glad Tidings Tabernacle Hyndman, PA
6/22	Highway A/G Brighton, MO	7/20	A/G Church Windsor, MO*	8/24	Grace Pentecostal A/G Johnstown, PA
6/26	Patterson A/G Patterson, MO 1st A/G Poplar Bluff, MO*	7/24	Ozark Bethel Chapel Climax Springs, MO Victory A/G Adrian, MO*	8/28	South Pittsburg A/G Pittsburg, PA Cornerstone Worship Ctr. Indiana, PA
6/29	Northside A/G Springfield, MO	7/27	Calvary Temple Kansas City, MO*		
		7/31	Life Community Church Peculiar, MO* 1st A/G Butler, MO*		