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pray

- For continued daily protection for our family, physically, mentally, and spiritually
- For continued opportunities to minister and strategic ministerial partnerships.
- For deepening friendships among national believers.

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Rebekah, Joseph, and Jonathan are adjusting to life in Mexico. Being taught by Mom during the day they are involved in sports activities three times a week in the afternoons, Bekah and Jonathan in track and Joseph in soccer. They're also practicing for their parts in the church Christmas pageant.



Building Bridges

The bridge pictured in the center of this article is one that we crossed on our trip down to Mexico when we passed through Villahermosa. It is a striking image—one that this picture fails to convey. Upon reflection, we've come to find that its significance is yet more striking than it's design. It has come to represent our ministry here in Mexico.

Since our last newsletter, we've traveled many miles, finishing a trip that began in Erie, Pennsylvania, passed through Springfield, Missouri, and ended over 3,000 miles later in Mérida, Yucatán, México. We give thanks to God for helping us to successfully bridge the gap between our calling and the field to which that calling sent us.



Still, arriving is but the beginning. There are other bridges to be built. Our work is now involved in building bridges of cooperation—creating relationships with key leaders in order to advance the work of the Mexican church in reaching the lost of this region.

We're happy to report that the construction is going well. We've had the pleasure of ministering on several occasions—teaching in the Bible Institute, preaching, and most recently hosting a three-day seminar for small group leaders.

The construction is continuing with new partnerships and plans, but none of it would be possible without your prayers and support. Thank you for continuing to stand with us in the New Year.

Overdue Thanks to the Southern Missouri Women's Ministry



The first task for the new missionary on the field is setting up house. That means finding and renting a home and then furnishing all that is necessary, right

down to the forks and spoons. This is a task that is difficult for most missionary budgets to handle. That's why ministries like the Southern Missouri District's Women's Ministry Unlimited are so vital.

Before leaving for the field, Director Sherry Welch invited us to take the morning choosing bedding, dishes, and supplies from their "Treasure Room" that would enable us to make our new start in Mexico. On top of all of that, they awarded us with a check toward purchasing appliances for the home. The picture to the left is just one of the items that this gift helped us purchase.

This blessing helped us to set up our home quickly and devote more time to ministry knowing that our necessities were taken care of.

Thank you Women's Ministries. Your work and gifts are appreciated!

