

# Ellen Barnertt's Update

## News for Friends, Family, and Partners

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### Last Prayer Email from the US for a While

Dear Praying Friends,

“Home Ministry Assignment” has flown by, with visits to around twenty churches, as well as a good bit of other traveling. Unfortunately, I wasn’t able to visit about a third of my supporting churches, but I hope to see some of you on several short trips in the next couple of years. I have less than three weeks before I return to Acapulco and hope to spend most of this time at home, catching up on correspondence and finalizing details that need to be worked out here for the Mexico Short-term Mission trip. We finally have our plane tickets, so it has moved from a dream to reality in all our minds. We’ll have three more weeks for all the last-minute details after I return to Mexico. Our final line-up has ten of us going from Acapulco. Three MTW missionaries will join us in Belgium for “Hope Brussels” and then on to North Africa. We’ll be working alongside other missionaries in both countries and, if our plane arrives on time, even have a few hours with several missionary friends during a midnight layover in Madrid, so we should have a lot of exposure to MTW’s work. I expect the trip will raise a lot of questions about ways we can partner together in missions in the future, and hopefully will at least get us started finding a few answers.

Last month I sent out several prayer requests and praises. They are written in black below, with answers to prayer or petitions to continue praying in blue at the end.

Prayer Requests and Praises:

1. The team from Acapulco continues to raise their support for their short-term mission trip to Europe and N. Africa. The Mexico Missions Project, which will help with this, but also in preparations to promote and establish cooperative ministries with MTW for longer term projects, has received a double matching grant, so that any money that is given, up to \$25,000 will be tripled (the project # is 91112). The money has been coming in, little by little, so that we have been able to cover the airline tickets and our stay in Brussels, which is the greater part of what we will need for the trip, the first phase of the project.
2. Please pray as we continue to make preparations for the trip this summer, for the logistics, the funds necessary, the hearts of the team and open hearts to minister to. Please keep praying for our preparations and also the time there. We leave June 25<sup>th</sup> and return to Acapulco on July 18<sup>th</sup>.
3. New Horizon Christian School is having a good year, and hopes to open another kindergarten section for the fall. We are looking at ways to expand. The ideal would be to build a third floor, but we would need about

\$120,000 for that –and that is a lot to come together by summer. However, the Lord can certainly do it, if it is his will. About 1/3 of this amount has come in. We are looking at some options that will let us do something this summer – possible building two rooms on a section at the back of the building (by building floors above it later, we would be able to have about the same amount of space eventually, but we wouldn't have to do it all in one fell swoop).

4. The teachers from NHCS have been invited to Chicago for Easter break, and about 7 of them have been able to get interviews in the process of applying for visas. Please pray that they will be approved for visas, that they will be in time for the trip, and that they will be for an extended period of time. Well, this didn't turn out to be God's time for us. Most weren't able to get the visas, so we are going to continue to work on it for NEXT year.
5. Please pray for wisdom as we search for 2 or 3 new teachers for the school for next fall. Mandy Massingill still needs about half her monthly support, but is hoping to get there in late spring. One of the teachers who had planned to leave decided not to, for which we are glad. Mandy doesn't have all her support in, so is still in the US (her project # is 14902J). Please pray that she can get to Acapulco by the middle of the summer.
6. Please pray for my mother's health. It has been good that I have been able to be at home, off-and-on, this year, as she has made a second round (the first was 5 years ago) of doctors and tests to try to find out what is causing her weakness, dizziness, etc. Among other "new" things we have found out, she has neurocardiogenic syncope – her blood pressure vacillates radically and so she is often not getting enough oxygen to her brain. The doctors are working with different medicines to try to stabilize her, but so far things don't seem to have changed a lot. It is hard to think about going off and leaving her at this point.

I'm not exactly sure what will happen with my Bellsouth email after I return to Mexico. If you write me anytime after the first of June, please use the [ebarnett@iname.com](mailto:ebarnett@iname.com) address, as that always gets to me. Once again, thank you for your prayers on behalf of the work in Acapulco and beyond.

God bless you,

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