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Dear Friends,

One of the hardest adjustments for us here in Guadalajara is the dry season. We had one surprise rainy day in November, one in early December, and then a 90 second sprinkling last week. We don't expect any rain until late June (though I'm praying that the scattered thunderstorms that are a possibility for next week actually happen). This is normal for here (usually no rain October through May), but it is difficult. Dust is everywhere, and we never feel like we've got a clean house because a few minutes after you sweep and mop the tile is dusty again! More significantly, the air is just full of dust and other pollutants – not the best conditions for a family with respiratory issues. Please pray for our health.

Life in the ministry has been very busy. A few weeks ago we started a Bible study in our home with a group that we hope will form the nucleus of a new church. Each Thursday night we are gathering together: sharing a small meal, studying God's Word, praying together and enjoying fellowship. Please pray that the Lord will add to our group as we reach out to friends and neighbors. I'm also now giving a biblical interpretation class to a group from our main church, several of whom are in the process of seeking ordination in the National Presbyterian Church in Mexico. One of our big goals in ministry is to prepare Mexican men to lead the church. We're excited to see men who desire to grow and be equipped to serve in the church. Please pray that this class will go well – that I will faithfully teach sound principles of interpretation and that the students would comprehend and learn to apply these principles.

One of the most exciting things of the past few months was getting to see God bring one of our friends to saving faith in Him. She is a lady whom we met on the kids' very first day of school and for whom we have been praying since then. We saw God work through a series of things: prayer, people sharing testimonies and Scripture, friendships with Christians, and even through some dramatic dreams. Now our friend has left behind New Age practices and beliefs, is in the Word, and is going with Amy to a Bible study each week. Please pray for her growth and that God would break through the opposition of her family and bring them all to salvation in Christ. If you would like to know more details, call or send a personal email and we would be glad to share them with you.

Many hard things also have been happening with our team and with the congregations, especially some serious medical conditions. Please pray for the churches here as we seek to learn how to minister to one another and as we seek to take advantage of the trials we are going through. We want these trials to end, but

we don't want to lose out on the opportunities we have to mature and become stronger through these difficulties.

Some quick updates:

- Please pray for our health. Amy has had some minor sinus issues, but so far it seems that her surgery has been successful. Friday night we had to take Johnny (our 6 year old) to the ER with a severe croup fit. He responded well to the treatment, but it was still quite a scare. Joseph has been doing better with his breathing, and he, Amy and I are continuing with allergy treatments.
- We are all progressing with language. Please continue to pray for us in this area. The kids keep pushing ahead, and friendships with Mexican kids are really helping. Amy and I are doing well linguistically, but we long for more fluidity and flexibility.
- We are thankful to have had some visitors and would love to have more!

This month's cultural tidbit:

Spring Break is a two-week, nationwide event at the same time every year – the week before and the week after Easter. That makes the city nicely empty, especially the first week, and the traffic is manageable. We had a great break, highlighted by a visit from my parents, but getting kids to go back to school after two weeks off is really hard.

In Christ Jesus,

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