



THE VAMONOS NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends and Family,

We hope you are having a wonderful summer. We are. We spent the first two weeks of June visiting family up north. Our first stop was visiting Jan's mom in Indiana. She is doing well, and likes to sit



Grandson Brandon fills buckets with concrete



Then it's carried to the second floor in 5 gallon buckets

outside and enjoy the nice weather. We then drove to South Carolina to visit our grandson, David, and his family. Our two little great grand sons are delightful! We had so much fun with them and they are growing fast. Logan will be two in October, and Gavin is five months. They are so precious. David and Megan are doing well, but, it is a little hard right now, as David's job causes him to work long hours. They have a great home and church. We really enjoyed attending the services with them and their boys and hearing their pastor who is a wonderful preacher.

From there, we were on to Michigan. We had a great time, seeing lots of friends we knew when we lived there. We saw our sons new home and helped them get ready to move in. They have a beautiful home with lots of windows looking at the lakefront. The sun sets are beautiful. George was able to help Jeff get all the last minute jobs done, and Jan helped clean so they could get their occupancy permit. They moved in two days after we left.

It was great spending time with our grandson Brandon, his twin sister Meghan and her husband Josh. We stayed with them for a week and a half, as Jeff and Kathy were not in their home. At first we thought we will only stay a couple of nights, as we didn't want to be a burden. But we had so much fun with them that we stayed for our entire visit! It is such a blessing as they are all very involved in the

Well church. The real excitement came when we were told by Meghan and Josh that we will have another great grand child in February. We keep thinking that, just because we have 3 great grand children, it doesn't mean we are old. Right?

The week after we got home we started summer activities at the camp. Several churches from southern Missouri came for a week. They built a small home of wood for a family that had no place to live. They also did some work at an orphanage and held a Bible School. They have been coming to the camp for many years, and we appreciate all the help they have given to the people in Reynosa.

The next week we had a group of 30 from another church in Missouri. This is their 2nd year that they have stayed at the camp. They have been bringing groups to Reynosa for several years, but had to cross the bridge everyday from McAllen, so this is much easier for them. They helped do construction at a church and a VBS for the children.



Grandson, Isaiah, is on the second floor work crew.



Brandon is reunited with his little buddy, Luis



And nearly 100 children gathered to hear the word of God

The following week the Well Church came. This is our son's church from Brighton, Michigan. They worked on the upper story of the church they have been working on for the past two years. Our grandson, Brandon, was in charge of the work project. Our other grandson, Isaiah, was also on the trip helping in VBS and construction. What a blessing to have our son and two grandsons serving the Lord with us. We have had a sign on our refrigerator since our

children were teenagers saying, "I have no greater joy then to see my children (grandchildren) serving the Lord". It helps us to pray for them daily.

The first day that we arrived at the work site, a little boy named Luis came running over to the group yelling, "Brandon, Brandon!" This is a boy who became attached to Brandon two years ago, but was unable to come very much last year, because he has HIV and was very ill. His health is better this year and he quickly became a little guy that everyone loved.

The construction was hard but much was accomplished. By the end of the week, we had nearly 100 children in VBS. Prayer walks were taken daily and several people asked for prayer and then came the next day to the church. Many children gave their lives to Christ as Grace, Valente's wife, prayed with them. It was truly one of the best missions trips we've been part of, and everyone was praising God at the end of the week.

While we were in Reynosa we visited the El Camino Church. You probably remember our telling you about Nacho, the boy who was taken by a magic trick George did and received Christ years ago during our Bible school. He had asked for help in gathering supplies for doing VBS in his home town San Luis Potosí. So, a few weeks ago we took him several boxes of materials and Bibles. While there,



Magic lessons for Nacho!



Nacho and Pastor David receive their Bibles for their trip to southern Mexico

the pastor and his wife asked if we could help them with the VBS they will be doing in August. We arrived with several bags of craft things. Again, there was talk about how Nacho had heard the Gospel through George's magic trick. He didn't know it, but George had brought the materials and taught him how to do the trick for the children on his trip. Of course, Pastor David wanted to be able to do it, as well, so George gave the materials to him, too! When we left Nacho and Pastor David

were practicing the trick. We invited them to come to dinner at the camp the next evening, and Nacho shared his testimony of hearing the Gospel as a child in VBS, and that the mission teams really don't fully understand the long term effects their presence has. He also told them how important it is to come to Mexico and share Christ. Many people in the colonias don't go to church, but will come when the Americans come. We pray more will come and share their faith with the dear people of Mexico. Will you pray along with us?

Our next American group is in October. It is our daughters church from the San Antonio area. They have never been to the camp and we are excited to have them. The camp is still booked almost every week-end with groups from Mexican churches in Reynosa.

Please continue to pray for Sylvia. She has had one chemo treatment and has five more to go. She looks great, but, after the chemo she is very tired. One of the blessings she says is that her whole family is with her and comforting her. We were thinking, as she was talking to us about her extended family and how much they mean to her, we feel the same and we know many do. So take some time this year to re connect with your family. We will also.

Thank you, Lord

A great time visiting friends and family

Great summer trips!

Still no evidence of Mexican violence for the American groups

Even more churches coming back

Please Pray with us

Complete healing for Sylvia as she goes through chemotherapy

Sale of our old camp pickup truck

Successful recruiting for the River City Community October group

Our in home Bible study as it reconvenes in August

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