

Update

Dear friends, we apologize for getting our December prayer letter out to you so late. After it was written (and ready to edit and place photos in) Debbie injured her back mid-December. She was in the ER twice, once in December and again January 8th. On the first ER visit, she was told it was just pulled muscles and given muscle relaxants and pain meds. No tests were done on her back. With the meds she was able to get somewhat back into ministry over the holidays until her back became worse.

On the 2nd ER trip they did an MRI and discovered a herniated disk. After consulting with the ER doctor and our family doctor, it was determined that it would be best to be treated state-side. So, our younger daughter came and accompanied Deb on a flight to Idaho, where she is seeing a specialist. Though this seems so untimely, we have to trust God through this storm and know by faith He will carry us through. We would appreciate your prayers for healing, guidance, and financial provision for outstanding medical bills.

*By the way, the January 4th outreach mentioned in the prayer letter was wonderful. Several new families came out and quite a few children accepted the Lord. It was a day of pure joy!

The Tazelaars in Mexico

Dear friends,

December 2019

Warm greetings to each of you this Christmas season! It is such a beautiful time for reflecting on the grace of God and His perfect gift to us...Jesus. We are thankful for His assurance of guidance and endurance over the past few months. In life's ups and downs He remains constant.

October brought some sad events starting with fires here in Tijuana and one right across the street from us. Our community was on evacuation alert but was spared. The destruction near our home is very sad to see, yet we praise God for sparing lives.

Late October our friends, Gonzalo and Trini were given the devastating news that their 20-year-old daughter was murdered in Rosarito. We have known the family for 23 years. Debbie was able to be with them for the first court hearing and we have met and prayed with Trini. The next court date is May 2020. The suspects will remain in jail until then. However, because of the corruption here, bribes can get anyone out of jail. We would ask for your prayers for **true justice**. Please pray for the family as they grieve this terrible loss, it has truly been heartbreaking.

In November we focused on the breakfast ministry and setting things up so we can give this ministry completely over to the church by mid-January 2020. On January 4th we, along with a San Diego church group, will have a large outreach to the families. We are praying for new ones to come out and for God to be glorified.

We are thankful for the next opportunity to bless the children at the general hospital cancer center in Tijuana. We are putting together gift bags for Valentine's Day along with a special message of God's love for them. We would ask you to pray for two girls in the ward who are especially having a difficult time, Carla and Camila. Their cancer is very aggressive.

Answers to Prayer

Mid-November we received the good news that the legal paper work for the church was ready for signing. It is official now that all papers for both the church and the civil assoc. are now in Pastor Alberto's and the church leaders' names. Thank you for your prayers! We also just received news that the legal papers we have been working on the last seven months to change our visa status have been approved. Thank the Lord with us as we see Him paving the way for us to leave Mexico and start a new ministry in Idaho.

Prayer concern: Dave has low thyroid and is still not on the right dose of medicine to raise his thyroid level. We would appreciate prayer for correct dosage and increased strength for Dave.

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