



The Partridge Family

Reaching Out With the Love of the Father

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For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations...(Luke 24:47)

Dear friends and family,

This summer was extremely busy for us. The summer heat did not help at all! Most days were over 100 degrees. Just absolutely hot...day in and day out. What a relief it is to be going into September with temps in the low to mid 90's. This summer, we stayed busy non-stop with one thing after another. We started the summer with planning a wedding ceremony and reception for our daughter and son-in-law. They were first married by the justice of peace on March 29th, but we wanted them to have a nice wedding ceremony. So, we put a lot of work and planning into a special day for them. Tina did an amazing job with planning the wedding and reception on a very small budget. All of the decorations that she created were absolutely beautiful! Finally, the day arrived for the wedding ceremony. On July 4th, we had the most beautiful wedding service! It was a very emotional day for us even though our daughter and son-in-law were already married. In the reception, our son-in-law and daughter announced that they were going to have a baby. WHAT?! Yes! Tina and I are going to be grandparents. The baby is due at the end of January. We are so excited!



Kari & Al on their special wedding day



Our handsome sons on the wedding day

This summer was packed with a lot of ministry (Bible School & English Classes, Vacation Bible School Outreaches, Preaching in different churches nearly every Sunday, and much more). Ministry in Juarez this summer became a bit challenging because of the migrant crisis. So many migrants were coming into the US that there weren't enough border patrol officers along the border to handle them so they had to pull many officers from the port of entries to help with the crisis. Many times, when we arrived at the border crossing to come back to El Paso there would only be about 2 lanes open. Our wait time at the border increased significantly! We were waiting 2-4 hours to cross back to El Paso. It was terrible! We never knew how long it was going to take us to cross. This was causing us to get home very late after ministry. There were a few times that they closed the border down completely. El Paso was greatly affected by the migrant crisis. Thankfully, the situation is better and we are getting back to normal wait times.

We ended the summer with an 11 day ministry trip to South Mexico. For years, a Pastor friend in Juarez would ask us if we wanted to take a ministry trip to Veracruz, Mexico. We would always answer, "maybe next year". Then we would tell him that we were just too busy with ministry in Juarez. But this year when he asked, we ended up saying, "yes, we want to go". So after some time of preparation and raising money, we were ready to go.

On August 3rd, Tina and I along with our sons (Jadon & Nathan) flew from Juarez, Mexico to Veracruz, Mexico. Then our Pastor friend who drove from Juarez which is about a 24 hour drive picked us up and drove us to a town about 6 hours away called Jaltipan. When we arrived at the host Pastor's home in Jaltipan, we were served a delicious meal. Then the host Pastor took us next door to the house where we would stay for the next 6 nights. Although the house was very small, we felt very honored that someone would leave their home and allow us (people that they never met) to stay in their home. It had a kitchen with a small living room area, 1 bedroom, and a bathroom with a toilet and shower (only cold water). The bedroom had a small a/c unit that we could use to stay cool at night while sleeping. Everyday someone went in to clean it. What a blessing! Anyway, we spent the next 5 days ministering in 2 churches each day in the nearby towns and ranches. The host Pastor had everything planned and organized for us. Each morning, a different family prepared breakfast for us and then each church that we ministered at prepared a meal for us. It was great being able to enjoy different foods of Veracruz. One day, we were served a full meal 4 times. Wow! We felt so blessed and honored. The people were so full of love and kindness. We have never experienced such love, hospitality, and great food! Veracruz was beautiful...every kind of fruit tree. It was also very hot and extremely humid. What a great experience it was!



We were served a very special meal for our last breakfast in Jaltipan, Veracruz. It is called Memela. Que Rico! Very delicious!



Church in Jaltipan. The children received school supplies, toys, and clothes.

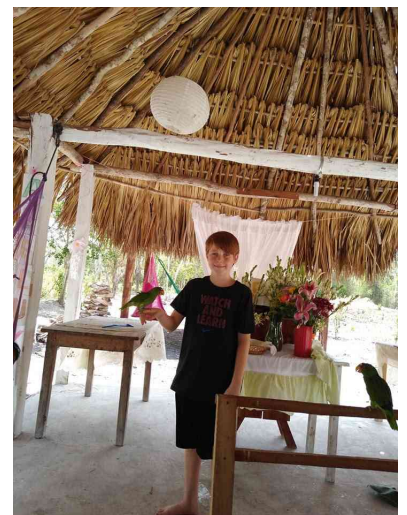


Church in Jaltipan. This church was right down the road from our host home. All these people coming to the service. The church was packed!



This church was started just less than a year ago. It is in the city of Coatzacoalcos, about an hour away from our host home in Jaltipan. Coatzacoalcos has a very nice beach. The Pastor took us to the beach after the service.

We then left Veracruz and traveled through the night and the next morning for about 14 hours to a small Mayan village in Quintana Roo called Altamirano. This village is basically in the jungle and has under 1,000 people. We were told that some of the people still only speak their indigenous language. The small church that was there had no walls. The Pastor with her daughters have only been working in this village for a little more than a year. She said that they usually have about 40 children and about 10-20 adults come on Sunday for service. So, we had no idea how many would come to the service. There ended up being about 350 people who came out from the village. The people were so open and many responded to receive Jesus! We then distributed clothes, shoes, toys, and school supplies. We ended the night by praying and ministering to the Pastor, her daughters, and those who help her in this village. God really touched them in a powerful way! We pray that God will allow us to return again to this village. It is amazing to see the love of God poured out on people no matter where they live in a city or a village in the jungle.



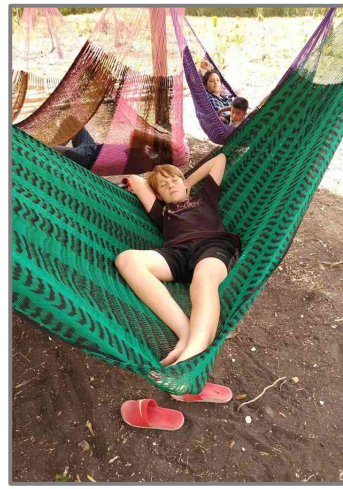
The church in Mayan Village. No walls just a roof. Nathan loved the parrots.



A boy and his dad who came to the service in Acayucan.



After the church service in Oteapan, we gave out clothes, school supplies, & toys to all the children.



Mayan Village of Altamirano. Nathan resting in one of the hammocks that was hung for us to rest in after our 14 hours of travel.



This mama and baby were very content and happy with the gifts they received. (Mayan Village)



In the Mayan Village, they cooked fresh chicken for us. Dig hole, start fire, wait for coals, place chicken on branches, cover chicken with branches, cover it all with dirt, wait for a couple hours, remove and serve. Yummy!



Randall preaching in Rancho Viejo



A church in Rancho Viejo. We drove through the woods down dirt roads to get to this church. The Pastor and his family were amazing! After the service, we went to their house where they served us a great meal.



This girl loved the dress that she received from the clothes that we distributed in the Mayan Village.

Because the airport in Veracruz was a 15+ hour drive from the Altamirano village, we had decided to end our trip in Cancun which was about a 4 hour drive from this village. So, we had purchased 1-way tickets to Veracruz and 1-way tickets back from Cancun. This saved us money on our tickets, it was also less travel time, and we were able to enjoy the beach in Cancun. God is so good! If it wasn't for this ministry trip that brought us so close to Cancun, I don't think that we would ever be able to afford to go. We believe that God gave us this special gift and allowed us to enjoy a little time at the beach in Cancun. We had an amazing ministry trip! Many people were set free and delivered, many were powerfully impacted by God, and many received Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We were so blessed by all the love and hospitality. What a great way to end the summer! I wish that there was time to share with you all the stories and testimonies from this ministry trip, but just no time. One thing is for sure....God loves all the people of the world. No matter where they are or live, He will use you and me to reach out to them and share with them the love of His Son, Jesus Christ. What the world needs is Jesus!

After an extremely busy summer, there is no time to waste. It's time to start preparing for the upcoming fall ministry events as well as our yearly Christmas outreaches. There are only 3 months until our Winter/Christmas Outreaches will start. Each year, we have about 3,000 children who come out to these outreaches. There is a lot of time and work that goes into preparing gifts for these children. In order to prepare gifts for this amount of children, we have to order many items in bulk such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, Ziploc baggies, crayons, wash cloths, candy, and etc. These items need to be ordered soon so that they will arrive in time. We usually give out stuffed animals to all of the children, but we haven't been able to collect very many this year. So, we are not sure what we are going to do about that. Please pray with us for wisdom and that God will provide all of the finances needed for these Christmas Outreaches so that each child will be able to receive a gift. Amen! Well, that's all for now.

We love you much and pray that God will bless and protect you and your family.

Blessings,

The Partridges



A church in Oteapan. After this service, we walked down the street and then through the woods to get to the Pastor's home where we were served dinner. It was night and the path through the woods to their home was dark.



Me and Tina with the host Pastor



A picture of our team with the family who tirelessly served and hosted us in their daughter's home.



Colonia De Los Mangos, the children were so precious. They loved talking with us and they were happy with the gifts.



First morning at breakfast in Acayucan



Our host Pastor brought these children from a nearby orphanage to his home and served them breakfast. Then we gave them backpacks with school supplies.



We had a church cancel on us at the last minute. So, this church in Colonia De Los Mangos invited us to come. They only had a few hours to prepare and invite people to come. No problem! The people came and packed the church.

Enjoyed our last meal in Playa Del Carmen (a beach near Cancun)



This church in Acayucan was not complete so we had the service outside. The church does not have electricity or running water. As you can see, the people came. After every service, we distributed clothes & toys.

