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**Prayer Mail From
Alan and Beth McManus**

"How do you like living in Mexico?"

That's a question we were asked many times this past summer as we traveled over 12,000 miles through 18 states and D.C. for four months visiting with our ministry partners, friends and family. As we resume ministering here in San Juan del Río after our first home assignment, we can say quite heartily, "It feels like home to us." We're so blessed to be serving God here in Mexico. Thanks to the many of you who pray and give financially making our ministry here possible and for so many of you who provided lodging, food and gas money along our trip. Praise God for keeping us safe, providing for our needs and encouraging us with such wonderful friends!



Fun on the road



Making a solar eclipse

The road is still moving underneath us as we resume a variety of ministry tasks. Each week we're working with the Buhler and Lambert families in Querétaro, primarily with science but also some with writing, reading and math. We'll be adding more routine help to other missionary homeschooling families as the weeks roll by.

We meet weekly with the Smith family, to some extent for homeschooling help but more importantly, we husbands and wives are meeting with each other as accountability partners taking turns every other week to watch the kids while our spouses meet. Bible memorization, reading through an edifying book (all in Spanish)

and praying together are all part of cultivating our spiritual walk with the Lord.

The library received several hundred books over the summer and our office floor is covered with stacks and stacks waiting for input into the catalog. Even with hundreds of books checked out, we're still going to have to be creative with space in order to fit the new ones in. Without a doubt, the library continues growing in popularity and missionaries throughout central Mexico, some from many hours away, take advantage of this valuable resource.

We're helping a Mexican family in our church that is now homeschooling due to the persecution of their young son at school. He was beaten by his teacher and a student (at another teacher's direction) for sharing his faith in Christ with classmates. Every Friday morning the mother is helping our boys (& me too!) with Spanish and, Beth is helping her two children with English. It's a precious opportunity to help them in this way, and we're mutually encouraged by it.

Beth is actively preparing for two ladies' retreats in October. She recently revamped the youth SS program which has been struggling. We continue developing our relationship with Jason, Kristin and toddler Justin. Progress is being made.

PRAY WITH US

- Salvation for Jason, Kristin & Justin
- Consistent daily spiritual disciplines (prayer, Bible study, etc)
- Excellence in homeschooling our boys
- Wisdom & effectiveness in all our ministry tasks
- Praise God for a wonderful home assignment and for providing for our every need!

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