

ABCD MCMANUS MINISTRY UPDATE (BELATED) AUGUST 2007

HOME SWEET HOME!

We can't describe how good it feels to finally be home again here in San Juan del Río. Our trip covered 12,773 miles. We slept in 40 different beds in 135 days (April 20th to September 1st). We uttered the phrase "No, we're *not* there yet, and if you ask again..." at least 4, 346 times (hmmm...and these are missionaries speaking to their children this way?!?).

Seriously, while it seemed like it would never end and that we wouldn't survive it, God blessed us thoroughly through our many, many visits with supporters, friends and family. We thank God for keeping us safe on the highways and for all of you with whom we were able to visit and share a little bit of our lives and ministry. Your hospitality was such an encouragement. Without your prayers and support, this unique ministry would not exist. **THANK-YOU!**

THE ROAD AHEAD

Now that we're back home, we need to quickly recover and get ready for a number of upcoming events. Homeschooling our own two boys began today and Beth has been making plans for them all afternoon. Our homeschool ministry will be up and running within a few days and we'll be working out our daily and weekly schedules as well as working on long-term events.

- **Pray for wisdom in planning our own homeschooling as well as our ministry to other homeschooling missionary families.**

Folks at church are anxious to plug us back in to a variety of ministry opportunities and we expect to be involved both with the youth and perhaps in other areas as time allows. Beth is planning on visiting with Kristin tomorrow. She has been anxiously awaiting our return.

- **Pray for our involvement at church that it will balance well with our primary educational ministry; that we'll be effective in edifying the local body of Christ; and that our outreach to Kristin and her husband Jason will be fruitful and they will come to repentance and saving faith.**

Upcoming events include the following:

- **9/9 – 9/11** – Missionary men's prayer retreat at Camp Koinonia (45 min. drive)
- **10/5 – 10/7** – Ladies' Retreat Michoacan (4 hours drive) – Beth and her mother will be the main speakers to about 100 ladies
- **10/12 – 10/13** – Ladies Retreat San Juan del Río – Beth will be in charge of providing meals for over 20 ladies
- **Pray that our lives and ministry will be offered each day as pleasing sacrifices to God.**



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