



Jehovah-Nissi



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“The Lord is Our Banner”

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Interesting occurrences!

- We 'broke down' in Fort Payne AL, and had our gas tank drained. We could only put 12 gallons in a 20 gallon tank to fill it. What else was in there? 8 gallons of Water!?
- We broke down in Birmingham AL, utilized AAA towing, were taken to a 'safe' part of town and made arrangements for a fuel pump to be replaced. Picture the 3 of us crammed in to the cab of a truck with the tow truck driver; FUN!
- The Lord provided a special day to celebrate Tyler's birthday while we waited for repairs :a trip to a mall, email at Panera Bread,a few games of bowling and some pool rounded out birthday #15. Bowling (Game 1) scores: Dawn-125, Keith-118, Tyler-88 (house shoes and a house ball attributed to Keith's demise, and Dawn's historic victory!) God's humor!
- In Waco, TX we walked thru a McDonalds drive thru at 11 pm (in a long line) and were served as if 'normal'. By that point in the trip, we were far from it.
- The Lord miraculously moved a car in front of us that we were surely going to hit while in heavy traffic in San Antonio.
- We drove 2,950 miles thru 15 states in 2 countries without serious incident. Praise God!
- We went past Tyler, Texas the day after Tyler's birthday, and watched the van turn from 99,999miles to 100,000! (it's on film also!)



AAA Towing service in Birmingham AL

Leaving Lancaster

What is the hardest thing you have ever done?

You may recall that we were scheduled to be commissioned by our church, and leave for Mexico on August 19th. We did do that and are now trying to find 'normal' here in Puebla. After a very special, love filled send off by our church family, visiting supporters and parents, we loaded up and headed for Newport News, VA to visit with Danielle and Geoff in their new home. Kara went along for this part too! We had a very special time celebrating Tyler's (Aug 22) and Danielle's (Sept 2) birthdays early. Only God's grace carried us thru the following days as the anguish of bitter-sweet good-byes rolled over our hearts with ocean wave intensity. As you can see from the picture below, we were really packed in for our drive toward San Antonio, where we met up with The Prentices (team leaders) and The Ream Family (co-workers new to Mexico as well). Tyler was such a trooper and provided many laughs and really made the trip so much more enjoyable than it could have been! Even in the midst of two breakdowns (see picture at left) his humor and keen sense of observation kept us smiling and helped us praise God amidst some very trying situations. We once again were reminded that the joy of the Lord is our strength. What blessings each 'breakdown' provided, as we met several believers and Keith handed out many prayer cards to willing recipients. May God be glorified, always!



LOADED TO CAPACITY AND BEYOND (TYLER JUST FITS!)

What's happening Now?

A sign welcoming us to the city of Puebla (it's a 9000 ft climb out of Mexico City and then a 2000 ft drop down into the Puebla Valley, all in just a few miles)



We spent the 1st 4 nights in a hotel, then in to the "Timothy House", a new place for missionaries to land until we find our own place. Have a new 3 story home in the neighborhood; planning to sign rental agreement on 9/15, then move in...it's BARE...a few outlets, 3 sinks and exposed wires with light bulbs hanging from the ceilings and LOTS of cement dust. We got to pick out kitchen cabinets and have them installed in exchange for initial rent; now we are shopping for appliances, brooms, mops, blinds, furniture, pots and pans, etc. Meanwhile, we get to try and find our way around here...quite a challenge. We have been to Home Depot 3 times and have not come back the same way yet (nor the shortest way if you get the point). Mexicans do not get any Drivers Ed so that is why people make left hand turns from the right hand lane all the time here. Driving is an experience that stretches our faith. We can successfully take Tyler back and forth to school, a 20-25 minute trip one way. Plans are to start language school Oct 1. Hopefully we will be somewhat settled in to our "home" by then.

Knowing you are "out there" partnering with us in prayer and finances greatly encourages us. We really need your support through the continued transition and new challenges. Thank you so much!

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Prayer and Praises:

- FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH OUR LANDLORD AND TO BE ABLE TO SETTLE IN ASAP, WE ARE READY TO UNPACK OUR SUITCASES AFTER 3 MONTHS!.
- TEAM UNITY AS WE GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER, MINISTER TO EACH OTHER; PRAY JOHN 17:20-21 FOR OUR TEAM AND HOUSE CHURCH.
- FOR PARTNERS TO REMAIN FAITHFUL IN PRAYER AND FINANCES AS GOD LEADS THEM.
- WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF APPROX. \$700/MONTH
- DEBT ELIMINATION –KEITH TO BE ABLE TO WORK PT FOR ELEXIO FROM HERE VIA INTERNET AFTER A FEW MONTHS OF TRANSITION.
- SALE OF OUTDOOR WORLD CAMP MEMBERSHIP
- FOR OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES; NO MORE "CHURCH" AS WE KNOW IT IN ENGLISH. SELF FEEDING ON GOD'S WORD DAILY.
- FOR DANIELLE AND GEOFF AS NEWLYWEDS; GRACE AND LOVE TO KARA; FOLLOW GOD'S LEAD; THAT THERE WOULD BE A WAY FOR OUR KIDS TO COME VISIT AROUND THE HOLIDAYS.
- FOR TYLER AND THE OTHER NEW CHILDREN HERE; MANY ADJUSTMENTS
- THAT WE WOULD NOT MISS ANY OPPORTUNITES TO SHOW HIS LOVE WITHOUT SPANISH LANGUAGE
- LANGUAGE SCHOOL STARTS OCTOBER 1ST
- PRAISE FOR THE RAINBOW PUT BEFORE US WHILE DRIVING HERE FROM THE BORDER!

May the grace and peace of God be upon you.

The Goodlings in Mexico
Keith, Dawn, and Tyler

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Isaiah 46:10b-11

I say: My purpose will stand and I will do all that I please. From the East I summon the bird of prey; from a far off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do.