



Our year started off with an emotional goodbye. The Moody's, who had long served alongside the Staff at La Mision, left to begin their next life chapter stateside. It is not an overstatement to say that they know the kids more than anyone. With them serving at La Mision on and off totaling over 20 years they have been able to witness many seasons and see all the kids grow throughout the years. They had both spent time there as singles and came back shortly after they were married. Their twin daughters were brought to the orphanage as babies and after a long process they were able to adopt them. There is no doubt that La Mision has had a very special place in their hearts. The work both Jeff and Corinne did while living there was inspired, showing what true service to our Lord looks like. They will be incredibly missed, but we all know that God will use them greatly wherever they are. Please pray with us as we know this transition (for the Moody's as well as The Mission) does not come without some challenges.



Pray for Juan

Our sweet Juan Carlos, since the beginning of this year, has been hospitalized twice with pneumonia. This poor guy was in so much pain and very sick. Thankfully being on antibiotics and IV fluids at the hospital really helped him spring back (though both times it took a couple weeks). We are praying for continued health and wellbeing for our "Twinkie loving guy". We are grateful to the Rivera's, who worked double to make sure the orphanage was taken care of while staying at the hospital with Juan. Some nights in early January the whole family stayed together in their vehicle. The Riveras have been a great presence at the orphanage since they moved there seven years ago. We are thankful for the work they do.



Van troubles...

Issues at the border left us without BOTH of our 15 passenger vans. The border officials confiscated one from Miguel and his family on their way back home from having repairs stateside completed. Jeff came to the rescue (in our other 15 passenger van) in a terrible rain storm. Water entered the engine block thanks to a large pothole that left him broken down on the side of the highway. A couple Uber rides later, everyone was home and we paid to have our van towed to a mechanic to get looked at. Unfortunately, because the van that was confiscated was registered in America and there were no American citizens in the vehicle the Mexican government had the legal right to take it from us with no opportunity for return. But by the grace of God he moved the hearts of a generous family business in Ohio to send a year end donation allowing us to afford a van to replace the one confiscated and repair the damaged van! God is so good like that. Always coming through and showing himself faithful when we are need.

Our new family!



We are very happy to welcome the Swenson family to the Mission gang! David and Chelsea along with their three children Erling, Otto, and Elka (eight, five, and two) moved to La Misión this month. They visited for a month last summer and were loved by all. We are incredibly excited to see what the Lord will do with them as it is clear they are following His leading by coming to live and serve here. David is a musician and audio engineer who makes a living off of writing and recording original music, mostly for commercials. Chelsea is a Nurse and has said how much she loves taking care of people especially when it is able to be done right, we are very grateful to have her knowledge and experience to glean from. They are kind, caring people from all that we have seen and heard we can't wait to continue to get to know them. Join us in praying for them. Pray that this big change goes smoothly and they would fit right into the roles that the Lord has already been preparing them to fill.

"I could talk for a long time about how God directed us down here, but basically, he has been preparing us for it for 10+ years. We have both had the feeling that we were being freed up for something, and didn't quite know what. It was easy to get impatient, but God was in no hurry, and when the timing was perfect and he knew we were ready and listening, he said "go!" So here we are. We don't claim to know what God has in store for us, but are excited to be here, and even more excited that God included us in what he is doing in other peoples' lives." -Chelsea Swensen