

THE MARQUEZ FAMILY

Reaching Mexico with the gospel

January & February 2024



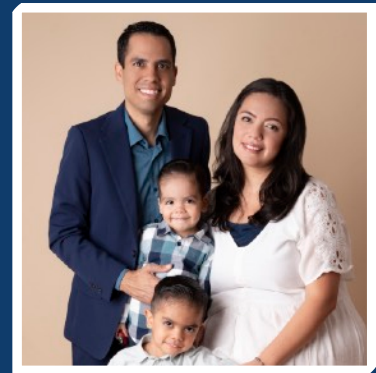
"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;" Eph. 6:18

The Lord has truly answered your prayers and for that we are grateful. Furlough so far has been profitable as well as enjoyable and the Lord has kept us safe through it all. Sometimes, God provides in unexpected ways and that seems to be the theme during these first couple of months of the new year.

For the first two months in the states, home base was Valley Center, CA where my in-laws have allowed us to stay. We started off the year visiting churches in southern California. It was so nice being able to see our pastor and church family again, as well as our extended family. It was a blessing to see our kids interact with their cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents.

So far we have visited churches in Los Angeles, San Diego, San Bernardino, and Riverside, CA as well as Yuma, Phoenix, Prescott Valley, Tucson, and Hualapai AZ. I had the privilege of preaching a message about God's vision for missions, giving a verbal update of the ministry in Mexico City, showing our most recent ministry update video, and setting-up a display with prayer cards. It was exciting to meet people that have been praying for us these past years and to meet new faces that promised to do so. We enjoyed being able to fellowship with the pastors of all of our supporting churches and were encouraged to see God working in their ministries. We want to thank all the churches we have visited so far for your kind hospitality, generous giving, and for your thoughtful prayers. We can't wait to get back to our church in Mexico and continue to serve God and His people. Iglesia Bautista Nueva Esperanza is doing well thanks to your faithful prayers. Missionary Ryan Case (in charge of IBNE while we are gone) is doing a great job while we are gone. Attendance has been great and church members are stepping up in their various ministries, which we are so grateful for. There have also been new visitors, a family who joined the church, and a baptism while we have been gone. Praise the Lord!

Our family has already had a few adventures, to say the least. Andres has gone to the ER mainly due to minor head injuries, but praise the Lord the wounds are healing properly. Thankfully, we have not been sick lately and we have enjoyed our time together as a family. "How much longer?" and "Weo ah we going?" are questions we get all the time, but the boys have enjoyed the adventure of traveling so far. Please pray that the situation with our hospital bills will get resolved. Our deductible is very high and we are working on lowering the unusually high charges from the hospital. Thank you for taking the time to read our prayer letter and may God continue to pour His blessings upon you as you continue to serve Him where you are!



Esteban, Alejandra, Sebastian (5), & Andres (2)

Fun Fact About Mexico

Bread and coffee is a common snack in the morning and at night. Many like their coffee with a hint of cinnamon.

Prayer Requests

- That the boys continue to adapt well to traveling and meeting new people
- That hearts would be encouraged as we present what the Lord is doing on the field.
- That God would provide for Andres' hospital bills.
- That God continues to grow His church spiritually.

Announcements

- We will be heading back to Mexico beginning of May in time for our church's anniversary.
- Sebastian just turned five.

Blessings

- Andres is healing well after a minor head injury.
- We have been able to see our parents, siblings, nieces, nephews, friends, and church family.



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