

The Jones' Update

January 2012

"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine." Ephesians 3:21

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We trust that He has blessed you these first couple of weeks of this New Year. 2012!! Can you believe it? Where does the time go? There is so much to share with you, but we'd like to limit this letter a few highlights from Mexico, and a couple of "in-house" topics.

In the fall, we asked you to pray for our church board as they lead our congregation. We are so **encouraged** with what the Lord is doing in and through them. Like any church they have had to deal with numerous challenges and circumstances, but they have **led with God's help, direction, and anointing**. Just the other day one of our home group leaders wrote us an email sharing how much our preachers have improved during the past 5 months.



She specifically mentioned that David Esqueda, our youth pastor, **has done outstanding in bringing God's Word to the congregation**. Another exciting story of how God is working has been among the women of the church. During the fall a couple of women helped organize and raise enough money, so that 53 women could attend a women's conference that was held in December. This is no small feat, especially for the fact that many in our church have so little. Everything has not been easy, but we are grateful that the Lord is raising up a mature body of believers, who not only have a heart for the Lord Jesus, but a desire **to shepherd and disciple HIS flock**.

Many of you have asked about our finances and fund raising, so we wanted to address that with all of you. As you've likely noticed our support goal has increased significantly this year. One of the main reasons is due to an error involving the appropriate amount of funds that we can raise for furlough. For the past 8 years, we have been raising the same amount allotted to a single missionary, even though we have grown to become a family of 5. Despite the oversight in not having raised the appropriate amount of money for furlough, we have received several unexpected financial gifts during our time in the States, and **we thank the Lord for His provision!** The numbers have now been **adjusted appropriately** for the next furlough, which is reflected in this year's support goal. Two other reasons for the increase in our budget are: the rising cost of living; and our international insurance policy, which is very costly.

As of date, **we are not meeting our monthly goal of \$8,100. We are a good \$2600 shy each month.** We are trusting that the Lord will continue to meet our needs this year, as He has on this furlough and for every year we've been on the field! Thank you for asking and thank you for joining us in prayer and giving in whatever way the Lord leads you. It is such a privilege to be the ones to "go" and we realize it would not be possible without you on our team. Thank you!

In regards to our furlough, we will be wrapping up our stay in Jackson, TN, at the end of January. We will then hit the road, visiting several churches and many friends and supporters. We covet your prayers for safety as we travel, and that **Jesus** would be **glorified** as we share all that He is doing in Mexico. The following is a brief itinerary of our travels. If we happen to be in your “neck of the woods” we’d love to hear from you, or maybe you could visit one of the churches where we will be sharing.

It has been a **wonderful blessing** for us to be in the States; we will cherish the times that we have had with our families and many of our friends. We thank you so much for your continued prayers and financial support. May the Lord bless you richly with His love and mercy.

Doug and Christy

Jones’ Itinerary:

January 22 Christ Community Church (Bells, TN)
January 29. Evangelical Community Church (Jackson, TN).
February 5. Redeemer Fellowship (Monroe, MI).
February 11. Open House at Redeemer Fellowship
February 12. Eagle’s Nest Church (Monroe, MI).
February 19. Pleasant Valley (Winona, MN).
March 4. Open House at Brentwood Baptist (Brentwood, TN).
March 31. Fly back to Mexico.
April 1. Iglesia del Gran Pastor (Fresnillo, México). ☺

Jones Family Prayer Requests

1. Safety in our travels.
2. Continued **rest and renewal** in the Lord during these next 2 months on furlough.
3. **Finances and new supporters.** We are praying that the Lord raise up dozens of new people to support us financially and in prayer.
4. IGP Church leadership- pray for continued wisdom, direction, and unity as they lead the congregation.

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