

Our New Year

What an adventure it has been so far! We have completed our first semester of language school, and we are now back in Guanajuato ready to start another.

Thank you for embarking with us as we continue to prepare to serve with Mexican Medical Ministries (MMM)! It's because of your generosity and faithfulness to the Lord that we were able to begin this journey. It was only a year ago that we were commissioned by Tuolumne Community Baptist Church and started the process of raising our support to "Go!"

Not having done anything like this before, we were greatly humbled as each gift came in. We were able to participate with two ministry teams during the summer, language school expenses were fully covered, and our ongoing monthly support was over 95%. All before leaving for Guanajuato last September. Wow! What a testimony of God's abundant blessing for this new direction in our lives. We are so thankful that you've been there to encourage and support us.



It is by faith that we have taken this step of obedience. Just as God told Abraham to "Go" without offering much information concerning the final destination, so we are going despite lacking some of the details. Our job right now is language school. Although it may not always seem like ministry, we believe this part of the preparation is important in order to make deeper connections with those we will meet and serve with. Thank you for trusting us as we work through this process of preparation and discovery.

In that process we are starting to look forward a bit more. We met with MMM president Steve Crews last month to begin mapping out the next phases for us. So far the plan is this: after language school we will be serving the summer at Clinica la Esperanza in Nueva Odisea. After summer, the next phase will be shadowing Steve and his wife Jan, as we visit different MMM sites, learn more about the ministries and serve alongside other MMM missionaries.

Our desire continues to be working alongside and supporting the missionaries serving with MMM. We knew that our first year would be learning-focused. And so far, the learning has been incredibly valuable. We trust that all is equipping us for what God has prepared for us to do.

Currently, we are praying about four possible options as we grow into our role with MMM:

- ▶ One option would be serving as mobile missionaries or part of a mobile medical team. This means working with missionary nurses and doctors to help meet the medical and spiritual needs of those with limited access to health care by taking medical services and the Gospel to where they live.
- ▶ Another option is applying for the position of Field Director [*working title*]. In this role we would support and encourage MMM missionaries in the areas where they serve.

- ▶ Option number three would be site specific. We would be working with churches and ministries in and around that location.
- ▶ The final option would be to apply for the role of CFO. This one would have us based at the home office helping with finances.

We are excited to share with you as we learn more. Thank you again. You are truly a blessing and valuable part of our ministry!

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Prayer requests:

- Ability to absorb as much language as possible in the next few months.
- Continued opportunities to witness to our teachers at school and individuals coming to the weekly English study.
- Discernment as we seek ways to be involved in church and other agencies in the community.
- Clear direction for our future role with MMM.

To partner with us financially, please send a check payable to “Mexican Medical” with a note enclosed designating your gift to Wayne and Erin Hilliker.