

Immersed in Guana What?

We made it! We packed all our belongings in a small trailer and said goodbye to our friends in Sonora, CA. We left the trailer behind at the home office in Lemon Grove, and with a couple of suitcases in hand flew to Guanajuato [gwah-nah-hwah-toh], Guanajuato Mexico on September 1st. For the next six months we will be studying the language and immersing ourselves in the culture. The Lord has blessed us with a cozy studio apartment with a view overlooking the city.



Guanajuato is truly a beautiful city! It's a center for history and culture, and we are learning that it offers many opportunities to interact with the arts. Right down the callejón where we live is a small theater. We have already attended a few free shows. Our favorites so far have been a classical guitarist and a Rondalla (several guitar players singing traditional Mexican songs). This month we are even experiencing some of the festivities surrounding the celebration of Mexico's independence.

Our first week in town, we had the privilege of volunteering and attending a Josh McDowell conference. Through conversations with leaders of the conference, we learned that the Guanajuato area is one the most un-evangelized in Mexico. We have been making connections with different individuals as we go about our days. **Please pray that we can be a light and have opportunity to share about Christ in our conversations!**



Living here, it is easy to find ways to practice Spanish beyond the classroom. We soon learned our landlord's husband was a former Spanish teacher in a neighboring city. He has actually started tutoring us a couple times each week. He continually tells Wayne, "You don't need to be taking any Spanish classes!" However, we are both grateful for the time we've had to grow in our Spanish skills! **Please pray for us to be diligent in our studies and absorption of the Spanish language and Mexican culture.**

Thank you for going with us through this process of learning. We believe this time of preparation is all part of what God has prepared in advance for us to do. [Ephesians 2:10] We are excited to continue sharing with you as we discover more about our future ministry.

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