



KEVIN & BEATRIZ  
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*Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,*

Grace and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ. We hope this letter finds you well. Greetings from a warm winter in Mérida, where “cold” means temperatures in the high 60s at night. We love hearing the enthusiasm locals have when they speak of the cold winter! It is interesting how often our personal reality shapes our perspective of the world around us. As we share Christ with the brethren in Mérida, we are often reminded of how God’s Word can transform our “normal reality” into God’s perfect design of service for His glory (Phil. 1:6).

It’s hard to believe we have already been in Mexico for seven months. Time has truly flown by, and the Lord has continually shown us His faithfulness. We are deeply thankful that you are such an important part of the work Christ is accomplishing here in Mérida. It is a joy to serve in this place, where many people are open to the Lord and seek to understand, learn, and live transformed lives for Christ according to His purposes. And His purpose is the same for every believer: to be a witness of His grace to a lost world, shown through His sacrificial death that saves mankind for His glory. What a privilege it is to be ambassadors for Christ (2 Cor. 5:19–21).

Our ministry here in Mérida began in a very interesting way. With only an intermediate understanding of the language, we dove quickly into ministry without fully allowing ourselves time to adapt to the culture and life in a different country. The trade-off was the joy of serving the Lord in a field so receptive to God’s Word. The consequences, however, included some heartbreak, tears, and misunderstandings. These experiences led us to slow down, connect more deeply with the saints, and gain a better understanding of their culture and daily lives. This season of adjustment coincided with the final month of pregnancy and the arrival of our new daughter.

Carol Elizabeth was born on November 30th and has been a wonderful baby so far. She is growing strong and is irresistibly cute, though I may be a little biased. One great blessing of her arrival has been the deepening of relationships with local believers, as they gather around to hold her and rejoice in the beauty of new life. What a privilege it is to witness the miracle of life in a baby (Psalm 139:13–14). Our family is adapting well to Lizzy, and the kids all enjoy helping by holding her, assisting with baths, taking her for walks, and more. Homeschooling has also resumed after a much-needed break during December.

We are slowly becoming more accustomed to the rhythms of daily life, cultural expectations, and the pace of ministry here. While adaptation takes time, we can see progress, and we are very thankful for the patience and kindness shown to us by those around us. We have been able to see Christ at work in them as they graciously adjust to us, even though we almost literally parachuted into their lives.

Our major setbacks have mostly come from the minor frustrations of daily life in a different culture and context, as well as from our residency situation. The process of obtaining our residency documentation has taken much longer than expected, and this extended waiting period has required much patience and trust in God’s hand, as many aspects of daily life are affected by these unresolved details. We are continually reminded that the Lord’s timing is perfect, even when it does not align with our own expectations.



**We had the joy of hosting a Mission team from Berean Bible Church (Shoreline) and serving together on several meaningful projects.**



**Our Wednesday night bible study focuses on doctrine with a small group.**



**Time spent with Yosmar and Priscila’s extended family as we walk with them through marriage, parenting, and finances. Pray for our continued ministry together.**

We are excited for the ministry opportunities that the Lord has prepared for us this year. Our focus will be on training national leaders to assume leadership in the local church. Much of that training involves a practical deepening of their understanding of the grace of God so that they can teach others (2 Tim. 2:2). We are excited for all the training planned for this year.

Another calling we have had since the beginning, and one for which the Lord has now opened many doors, is premarital counseling and mentoring young couples who will shape future generations and families. God has already given us three couples to counsel in such a short time. We also desire to invest more of the experience and knowledge God has given us in raising children according to His will. We are encouraged that the overall theme of this year is family. Many families are seeking direction on how to raise godly children, and some are desiring direct guidance. We are also blessed to be teaching and shaping the minds and hearts of young adults. What an opportunity it is to walk alongside them through the many decisions they face in life. We are praying that they choose Christ as the center of their lives and allow His truth to guide the choices that will shape their future.

**As we look ahead, we ask you to continue praying with us for the following:**

- Pray that our documentation and residency process will be resolved smoothly.
- Pray that the Lord will continue to help us grow in language ability and cultural understanding, allowing us to communicate more clearly and serve more effectively.
- Pray that we will adapt quickly to the culture and reach out to our neighbors with whom we are slowly building relationships.
- Pray that the saints here in Mérida would be encouraged, strengthened, and built up in their faith.
- Pray that the Lord will allow us to connect deeply with those He has placed in our lives, and that our testimony would be a genuine glimpse of hope in Christ.
- Pray that we will be wise in mentoring and teaching Christ to the many lives He has entrusted to us.

We are extremely thankful for all the visitors we have had since arriving in Mérida, many of whom we had not seen in quite some time, including family and even a surprise visit from friends who were enjoying a cruise. We are grateful to all who took the time to visit and encourage us, as each visit was perfectly timed in God's purpose. If you desire to visit us, we would be glad to welcome you and share a little of our lives and ministry here.

Thank you for your faithfulness in prayer and support. We are continually encouraged by your partnership and prayers. It is truly a privilege to serve here, and we remain expectant for all that God will continue to do.

In Christ,

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**Tribe: Friday nights bible study.**  
A welcoming space for young adults (+18) to invite friends and explore faith in a relaxed environment.



**Team Thursdays:**  
Thursday afternoons are for Bible study, fellowship, and ministry planning. Pray for our team as we serve together and as we welcome Marta Cordero to join our team in February.



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