

December 2014

When Sam was recently hospitalized for 11 days with kidney failure, our new pastor came to visit and he read to us Psalm 27:

Vs. 1: The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life - of whom shall I be afraid?

It has been a challenging Fall for us, to say the least, however, we still feel as if we are living a dream: God put us in a place with a purpose and has made it possible, through your donations and prayers, to go after that dream with everything we have! We have nothing to be afraid of, because the one true God is our light and our salvation.

God has been proving Himself the stronghold of our lives; guiding us and providing everything that is needed to accomplish His work.

We want to share the profound peace that comes when it can be said with confidence, "The Lord is the stronghold of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?" Even in the midst of all of the chaos we face daily, God has already begun to reach His people through us. You see, He doesn't wait until we are ready, He moves forward and so we follow, and our trust is put in Him again and again, and not in ourselves.

We would like you to meet Angel, an immigrant boy from Mexico in Lucie's 5th grade class, who came a week late into the school year. Lucie hardly had time to feel sorry for herself; transferring from the Paraguayan school system and needing to get used to all new teachers, friends, routines and expectations. Instead, she stepped right up to the task of interpreting for Angel, who only spoke Spanish upon his arrival.



Not only was he experiencing all the same uncertainties and changes that she was, but added to that for him was the difficulty of not understanding the language and being new to the culture! Can you imagine what a welcome friend Lucie was to him and how her sharing Jesus' love with him through her actions and words will have a lasting impact on his young life?

We are planning on starting Bible Studies and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes in January/February of 2015. People like Angel and his family need to learn English, and we have the joy of using Scripture as the teaching tool. We want to help them become American Citizens and to assimilate them as a welcomed part of our diverse culture, instead of remaining isolated with no one to help them navigate these hurdles.

We are estimating a rough \$15 a week for refreshments for the three classes. There are also start-up costs, such as white boards, markers, and materials to teach with, as well

as the many needs the students will have like notebooks, Bibles, paper, etc. We don't want anything to stand in their way of attending. We want to greet them with generosity and make their time in our home something special they can look forward to with anticipation.

Angel and his family need to get connected to the people in this area to whom they can relate, who have similar cultural experiences and values. As a way of bringing Hispanic people together in community, we will host meals in our home. This is a way to remember the Enchiladas from Home and learn about the Hamburgers of America, so to speak.

We will start small with those we know and grow as God expands our sphere of influence and friendships. The cost of this aspect of ministry is difficult to guess right now, but you know the cost of groceries: how can you help show the extravagance of His love for them?

This is one way you can give back to the people in your "own backyard" and help us minister to them in their time of need. Together let's share the hope that Jesus came that first Christmas in order to be our stronghold, our light, and our salvation. Please consider Latino Mission Society and children like Angel. Help us connect with families as we teach them English and hold Bible studies in our home.

Thank you for your support in prayer and finances in this past year. We are forever grateful for your partnership. As you pray about your year-end gift, our prayer for **you** is that God would cover you with His peace through Jesus; Emmanuel, God with us, Christ in the flesh (Christ-mas), Jesus the Christ. Merry Christmas.

The Orozco Family - Samuel, Brooke, Lucie, Karolein and Micah



P.S. Please make a difference in the life of a child like Angel today, who is just one of the many here in Michigan who need to know the love of Jesus. Use the enclosed envelope or give safely online by selecting Orozco Latino Mission Society at www.globallutheranoutreach.com.