



The Murillo Family

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Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope this letter finds you all enjoying your Summer. We were blessed to celebrate the birth of our great nation this week. We thank God for the many freedoms we enjoy as Americans, but we especially thank Him for freeing us from sin. The Christians in Cuba cling to John 8:32: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

The churches in Cuba are still going strong. They are continuing to produce young men and women who are ready to serve the Lord. Recently, I have been communicating a great deal with a young man named Gulmaro. He is a product of Jesus Lives Baptist Church in Sancti Spiritus where Oscar Arias is the pastor. Gulmaro moved to Trinidad and Tobago as a church planter back in February. However, his family just joined him last month. We are privileged to play a small part in his ministry. Please pray for Gulmaro and his family as they seek to spread the Gospel. Also, please continue to pray for the pastors in Cuba as well as the Cuban family serving as missionaries in Ecuador.

The churches in Mexico are also doing well. Bethesda Baptist Church in Monterrey celebrated its thirteenth anniversary back in March, and Lifehouse Baptist Church in San Luis celebrated its sixth anniversary back in May. Also, Prayerhouse Baptist Church in San Luis will celebrate its first anniversary in September. Recently, Pastor Julio shared some great news with us about their Saturday kids club. His wife, Pety, was able to lead two young boys to Christ! Please continue to pray for Pastor Julio and his family as they minister to this young church.

In addition to our church ministries, our village ministry is also doing great. Victor Galarza and his family have done an incredible job over the past five years in the villages of San Luis. Victor shared his most recent burden for the village ministry. He and his family normally hold services in two different villages every Friday, but he feels like the Lord is leading him to begin holding an actual Sunday service in the larger village of La Presa. He would continue to visit on another day of the week and hold the same Friday service in the smaller village as well. He has also been praying about another new village where we would like to hold another Pajama Project. Please pray for Victor and the village ministry.

We would also ask that you pray for our children's ministry VidaKids. We have simply stood back in awe as we have seen God take this very young ministry and use it in such a great way. For years we have wanted to start a children's ministry, but it was never the right time or place. However, two years ago, the Lord brought Omar Martinez and Priscila Salazar. God has blessed each of them with the ability to teach children in an extraordinary way. They are now sharing their knowledge with others. Since our last letter, they have held training conferences in Queretaro, Guanajuato, and Mexico City.

Finally, I would ask you all to please pray for me next week as I will be directing our annual teen camp called SENVA. My dad started SENVA six years ago, and it continues to grow each year. This year we sold out of tickets three weeks prior to camp! We have never sold out before. We have one hundred and fifty-six campers registered! God is so good! Please pray that we will see souls saved and lives changed. We would also appreciate prayers for safety. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support.

For the People of Mexico y Cuba,

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