

Dear Friends,

As we start this new year, these verses encourage us to continue trusting our God. "The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. 'The Lord is my portion', says my soul, 'Therefore I have hope in Him'." Lamentations 3:22-24.

We had a great time sharing with our kids and visiting my sister and her family in St Paul, MN. Priscila returned to Wheaton College Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, and Joshua returned to Rolla last Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Rebeca also started classes at UMKC last Tuesday.

As you may remember from our December letter, our trip this time was due to a renewal of a travel permit. These days we have been eagerly waiting for letters from the US Citizen and Immigration Services with a date for our fingerprints. We received the awaited letters last Friday with appointment dates for February 1 (for Luz) and February 2 (for Cesar), that is, more than a week over our intended return date, January 24. It was not possible to change our flight and we had to buy tickets for February 6<sup>th</sup>, the cheapest fare after the appointment dates.

We wanted to return as soon as possible to Valladolid, especially because of our new brother and sister Cesar and Maria, but again, we are reminded that God is in control, even when it comes to Government appointments. In the meantime, we are thankful for our coworkers Laurie and Erica who are carrying on the ministry in Valladolid.

Please continue praying for the spiritual growth of Jessica, Cesar and Maria. Also for our coworkers Laurie and Erica as they continue encouraging and meeting with Jessica and Maria, making contacts, developing relationships and sharing Jesus with the people in Valladolid.

The attached document is a letter that our son, Joshua, is sending about his upcoming mission's trip during Easter. We are excited that he is taking this step of faith and wants to use his Easter break to serve others. We are including this here if anyone is interested to see what Joshua will be doing or is interested in participating in some way.

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