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Hitting The Pause Button...



Today's technology allows us to do many things that in the past we were not able to do. The smart phone has revolutionized how we communicate, traveling has not been the same since the dawn of the GPS, and pictures and photography reached new heights with drones equipped with cameras. Even television is broadcasting farther and wider than before. Remote controls of today have more buttons than a scientific calculator!

Since we got on the topic of remote controls and technology, try to remember the time when we were not able to pause live tv. We had to either stay glued to the tube or worse record it on a device for later viewing, taking the risk of any surprises being ruined prior to you viewing what you have recorded. The pause button allowed for the convenience of not missing a beat while taking a call, going to the restroom, or simply gaining the control of what is streaming.



My experience of such an advancement was shared with my siblings. Most of the time it was good, especially when we paused the movie to grab a snack or drink. But there were those times when patience was being tested and someone paused the action, leaving the other viewers clinging to the edge of their seats so one of us could answer a call or run to the restroom. Something meant to improve the experience could sometimes feel like a huge inconvenience.

Our time here in Mexico could be compared to such an advancement in technology. We have learned so much in the little time we have been here. In just nine months we have honed our skills in the Spanish language, learned to adapt to a new living environment, and eat new foods while abandoning foods we really enjoyed and miss. We have also learned a ton about the people of Mexico and grew to love them and their customs. The destination of our new home, though hot, has a beautiful landscape and endless testimonies of God's creative ability and His vast attention to details.



However, as of now we have been asked to push the pause button. Just when we were about to get rolling on the vision God has placed before us. We can either simply test our patience and gain nothing from this, or we can allow God to bless us through our obedience. He has asked us to take this time to prepare for what's ahead. The word we received is "longevity," and we now have to work on preparing our family for the long haul of our missionary journey.



In order to do what God has called us to do in Roca Blanca, we need to have the corresponding papers to allow us to fully focus on our responsibilities. The papers we are seeking are our temporary residency visas. This will allow us to work in Mexico as missionaries and the renewal process doesn't require us to travel in and out of the country every six months. This also allows for us to spread the Good News legally and without having to plan a trip back and forth to US every six months. We can place all our time, effort, and support towards working on what God has called us to do.

There's a saying concerning missionaries, "There are some who are called, some who are sent, and some who just went..." We can confirm that we have been called to Roca Blanca, through the word and witnesses of the base. We now have to work more on the sending part so we can fully engage on what God has called our family to do. We have learned that there is power when being called. We have also learned that there is power when being sent. This empowers us to carry our cross, especially when the times seem dim. We need to build up our sending; it is there when we will be empowered to focus on the task at hand and not our finances. During challenging times we can rely on the sending portion of the body to uphold and intercede for us in prayer.

Our immediate goal is get our visas and build up our sending power through awareness and support. Please pray for us as we journey across countries and for God to open doors and hearts to join with us and Roca in furthering the kingdom here in Mexico. God is expanding His vision for our lives and for the base, and we would like to share it with everyone. Pray for divine appointments and connections to bring His vision into reality.



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