

December 4, 2011

"You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."
Matt. 1:21

Dear Parkside Friends,

Merry Christmas from Oaxaca! Thank you so much for your faithful, generous gifts. We can't thank you enough for all you do for us and our ministry.

As Christmas approaches and we meditate on God's greatest gift to us, it seems only fitting to think about the things he has given us during this past year. Our furlough time was very special as we were living close to all three of our boys and their families. We had wonderful times with the grandkids and treasure those memories.

We also had an opportunity to visit our supporting churches and many of our friends. In March we had the privilege of participating in the annual Missions Conference in the church Joan grew up in.

In May, we spent a week in the Outer Banks with as many of our kids as could come. More special memories were made with kids and grandkids. During the week at the beach Aaron proposed to Sharon Gerrick and she accepted. We are eagerly anticipating their wedding next summer.

In July we celebrated Mike's parents 60th wedding anniversary. We followed this up with a trip to the Creation Museum with Joan's mom to celebrate her 85th birthday. God's timing is perfect and we appreciate his goodness in allowing us to be home for these special occasions.



We returned to Oaxaca in July and Mike hit the ground running (or maybe I should say flying). He continues to fly several times a week as well as help with maintenance and oversee the safety of the program.

We are thrilled to be back in our church here in Oaxaca. We have been given a new opportunity to lead a study with several young believers. Please pray for wisdom for us as we encourage and guide them.

In October we welcomed a new granddaughter, Peyton Ann. Joan was able to spend two weeks in Cleveland getting to know her and also playing with all the rest of the grandkids. Mike is looking forward to meeting her in February.

As you can see, God has blessed us greatly during this past year. We daily recognize that we could not be involved in this tremendous ministry with the airplane and in our church without you being a part of our support team. We pray that God will bless you in a special way during this Holiday Season as you also remember the birth of His son.

Love in Him,

Mike & Joan