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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your faithful prayers for us and for our ministry. We are sure that many times you pray without knowing exactly what we need but trusting God to take care of us. He has certainly done that for us over the past several months.

Way back in March, Mike used air miles to get tickets for two weeks in Cleveland to enjoy our kids and grandkids. However, God had other plans. The end of August, Joan's mom fell and broke her hip. It was decided that we would extend Joan's ticket for an extra three weeks to be with her mom during her recovery period. However, God had other plans. During Joan's routine medical exams the first week of our vacation, it was decided that Joan would need surgery before returning to Oaxaca. The surgeon tried to schedule her surgery within the next few days but his schedule was more than full. However, God had other plans. Joan had her surgery on Friday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> and is recovering well. We plan to return to Oaxaca on November 4<sup>th</sup> if God doesn't have other plans for us.

God has also been working in Mexico and has richly blessed Alas de Socorro over the past several months and we are eager to share with you:

**Mike celebrated 9000 hours of safe flying in September!** We praise God for His protection during all the years represented by this achievement. We are also grateful for all the people he has been able to help and for our ministry partners who pray and donate to make this possible.

Amos has received his FAA Instrument license. We rejoice with him as he moves toward his goal of becoming a pilot for Alas de Socorro. He still needs to obtain his Commercial license before he will be ready to fly on his own.

Our airplane, XB-GGU, has returned from Nampa with a new engine and a fresh thousand hour inspection. It is already back in service helping the people of the Sierra Sur. Mike enjoyed several days with his sister in Texas as he awaited Amos and the plane to arrive from Idaho. Amos and Mike then safely flew the plane home to Oaxaca.

Love in Him,  
*Mike & Joan*

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