



January 2013

**CHANGE OF PLANS!**

A man's heart deviseth his way:  
But the LORD directeth his steps.

- Proverbs 16:9

As most of you know, we have been visiting our supporting churches and reporting on our ministry in Guatemala since the middle of June. Our original plans were to return to Guatemala at the end of January, after our daughter Cristina returned to Pensacola Christian College. However there have been several things that led us to seek the Lord regarding our return date. After much prayer and consultation with the brethren in Guatemala, as well as our pastor, **we have made the decision to stay in the States until the middle of June.** Here are a few of the reasons:

- 1. More Appointments** – In the course of our travels, I had several pastors contact me regarding Missions Conferences and other meetings for the latter parts of January and most of February. I had initially turned these meetings down, but have decided to accept them. This will also give us opportunity to visit some more churches in the Texas area. **If you would like for us to come by and report, please let us know.** My cell phone number is 254-239-7303. We will do our best to work you in to the schedule.
- 2. 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary** – About two years ago I realized that May 24, 2013 would be the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of my parents. Unfortunately that fact slipped my mind until my sister reminded me earlier last year. This is a very special, once-in-a-life-time event that I need to be here for. It would be very expensive for us to travel back in May, so we will be staying for this special event.

- 3. Always A Short Furlough** – In the 22 years that we have been in Guatemala, we have never taken a full, year-long furlough. Normally we have taken 6 to 9 months for furlough.
- 4. The Ministry In Guatemala** – Unlike other furloughs when we felt the urgent need to return, God has given us a complete peace that the ministry is in good hands, and that He is using this time to grow the brethren there in preparation for the organization of the church in the future.

**VEHICLE NEED**

In our previous prayer letter, I mentioned about the need for wisdom regarding our vehicle. We have a **2000 Isuzu Trooper with more than 160,000 miles** on it. It has been a good vehicle, but recently has begun to present several problems, including the torque converter trying to go out. We have found an inexpensive temporary fix for it, but it is only a temporary one and will eventually have to be repaired, which is quite costly due to the four-wheel drive.

Things are further complicated by the fact that **Isuzu discontinued the Trooper in 2002 and then closed down the production of consumer vehicles in 2009.** We have had two different mechanics tell us that replacement parts will soon become an issue for this vehicle and have recommended getting rid of it as soon as possible.

The cost of a newer 4x4 SUV to replace the Trooper is considerable, to say the least. We are therefore starting a vehicle fund to replace the Trooper as soon we can. **We would like each church to prayerfully consider giving a special offering towards this need.** If each church would participate, the burden would be much lighter and a better vehicle would be able to be purchased. We would appreciate it if you would keep this need in your prayers!



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