

# the Klassens to Mexico

Planting the Gospel Among the Mennonite People



May – June 2018

Dear Praying Friends,

Life is full as usual. Summer is a busy time for most and here it is no different. We had really been waiting for rain already and the monsoon time is upon us. It is always so interesting to me how the desert can become lush and green so quickly with a change in the weather. We need more rain and are keeping that in our prayers. This is agricultural land and most of our people are directly tied to that industry. We were hoping to do a lot of gardening but busyness has limited that somewhat. We are growing some things and hope to do some more planting yet. I want to enjoy some huckleberry pie this coming winter.

In our church life visitation continues to go well. We are passing out John and Romans and for the most part they are well received. One good thing about Mennonites is that they revere the Word of God. We can talk about the Scriptures at times and can share the Gospel also. However, when the Gospel is explained they often say, "yes but...". They see what the Bible says but don't believe it. I am reminded many times of what the writer said about the Israelites in Hebrews 4:2: "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." Religion is a hard nut to crack but we have faith in the power of the Gospel and God's promise. "Whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit..." (Col. 1:5b-6a). Please pray for the young couple mentioned in the last letter who began coming half a year ago. They have quit coming to services. We remain in contact but the reason they stopped coming is because they do not believe one is eternally secure in Christ. I had preached a message on that and they were bothered by it. In having dialogue with them they claim they believe salvation is by faith alone, but state one can lose salvation through not having works or by living in sin. This is a works salvation and this error needs to be cleared up in their minds. I am praying for wisdom and also that they will come back to church. Our people are generally encouraged and my prayer is that God gives me what I need to keep them fed and rejoicing in service.

Our family is well. Cindy's last ultrasound showed a much more developed and bigger baby. We look forward to her entrance into this world. Cindy is doing well but needs her rest. Husband says take a nap every afternoon. She protests but I know she needs it. Our children are such a blessing; they help with whatever needs doing. School is out for now but soon it is time to resume. Numerous ones are taking music also and that has been a help in the ministry and is a blessing to me personally. Joe is catching snakes for pets, Beth is always with her horse. Virginia is our energy bomb. Hannah and Emily spend hours playing different things. Micah and Marcos find things to squabble about as they determine their pecking order. Mabel loves the piano and looks forward to finding work now after school. Please pray for wisdom for her also.

Thanks so much for your love and friendship. We appreciate each of you.

In Christ,

Will Klassen

**"Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament..."**

**--II Corinthians 3:5-6**

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