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Caldwell Missionary Review

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Serving with Elim Fellowship

RYCCA Mexican youth camps will focus on practical leadership training to enhance counselor impact

Strategy

The Caldwell's are specializing in the development of Christian youth camps in central Mexico

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On the Move

We rejoice that God has seen our heart's desire to return to Mexico. He has brought continued healing in our lives, enough to return to Mexico October 1st. Praise God with us for His continuing healing touch on our lives.



The Caldwell's in the round, on the go, on the roll

Stepping Across

Karen and I returned from our two-week venture in regaining a foothold in Mexico with a great sense of the need that exists there. We are excited about the progress toward our return.

I went across the border a couple of times but we did not get to central Mexico on this exploratory trip. The legalities that surrounded our situation were and still are complex, time consuming, and expensive. We may have been allowed to travel to central Mexico but it was unclear from the authorities advice what impact the short trip would have on our long-term objectives. The documents we had submitted months ago had not been fully processed. It was decided that it would be prudent to wait until October to go to Michoacán.

The trip started when we flew from Oneida, NY to Dallas, TX. From Dallas we drove a pickup

truck (loaded) to the border at McAllen, uncomfortably hot in August.

Laws are constantly changing and they impact the way we have to do things. Tighter computer supervision at the border enforces compliance. So we did not take the truck into Mexico for the time being.

The truck is over ten years old. It was donated for RYCCA* camp construction. Because it is aged the Mexican government, at this time, will allow the truck to be transferred over to become a Mexican vehicle. According to the man I spoke with in Reynosa, Mexico, who works in the office that does the paperwork, there will be a \$500 processing fee and a three-day **wait**, give or take.

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*R.Y.C.C.A. ("reee ka" an acronym in Spanish for Retreats And Camps With Adventure which is the organizational umbrella formed for the implementation of Christian camping ministry)

Old Blue

We gave our old blue van to a Mexican pastor who was in need of a way to transport more people to church. It was great to bless others. God has blessed us so much.

Four Walls

Though we did not personally look for housing in Morelia, other people are looking for a place on our behalf.

Parting

Upon our return from this August trip to Mexico we said good-bye to Karen's parents for another three years. Her parents had watched our kids so we could take the trip. It was a



Ray and Marj Dubert, Karen's parents, 40 years with Wycliffe Bible Translators, just before they returned to Papua New Guinea to celebrate their second translation.

blessed time for our children to get to know their grandparents. Ray and Marj are returning to Papua New Guinea for an October dedication of the Saposia New Testament.

Our plan, affirmed by this trip, is to step across for the long haul into Mexico in October. As a family we will live and minister in central Mexico. The opportunity is great! 🍀



Pastor Jorge with the 1978 "Old Blue" which once hauled 30 kids to church... in one trip!

Last Day

September is filled with a trip to PA and packing up our belongings in NY. Our last Sunday in Oneida, NY is September 23rd. Soon after we begin our trek toward Mexico. 🍀

Six More Hands

Our family drives to Dallas, TX where Karen's sister lives. Details for taking down our belongings in the trailer, the RYCCA pickup truck, crossing the border, finding a house and moving our things that were stored in Pátzcuaro, Mexico have yet to be worked out.

However we are not without help. Three college age people are frequenting the house here in Oneida. They are helping us prepare for the trip, readying the vehicles, packing and cleaning the house, and taking our kids on adventures so we can attend to the details of transition.

One of the three helpers has volunteered to go to Mexico. He will be with us for the month of October. Matt Warren (a.k.a. Tigger) will help drive, move lots of boxes lots of times, and ready our Mexican

dwelling place for the family to inhabit.

We are excited as we see God unfold His daily provision for us. The journey will take weeks but we are grateful for the strength He continues to build in our lives each day. 🍀

Address Book

If one were to try to keep the Caldwell entry current in one's address book it is likely a tattered and overlaid area with numerous modifications. Now, as before, we can be reached by snail mail via our post office box in Garland that Sonja and Brad maintain for us.

Effective immediately...

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