

March 5, 2007

Dear Ones,

We know without a doubt you have prayed for all of us and we are grateful beyond words. We seem to be slipping in our communications and correspondence and have found it takes a certain amount of emotional energy to keep up with the flow of life. Natalie and the kids are doing about as expected. We freely talk about Daddy, the things he liked, and the things he would do. For children 2, 4, and 8, it seems many of the adventures and activities of growing up consume most of their focus. Alonso's family is great to include them in many fun-times and outings.

As adults, we struggle more. We are all in the stage of "firsts." The first time you go to Wal-Mart without Alonso, the first time going past the hospital, the first time his birthday passes without him, the first time you see an old friend, etc. Each first is an onslaught of emotions, some of which totally catch you by surprise. Others, we can "plan" for. By God's grace we keep moving. Although it is terribly slow and sometimes by very circuitous routes, it seems we move closer to the Lord in ways we never could have imagined.

The work of New Tribes Mission-Mexico keeps moving along and we are grateful to the Lord for evidence of His working in lives. Here in the state of Chihuahua in some of the more established tribal works we continue to see new people come to Christ and growth in the believers. It is always amazing when you consider the incredible darkness and deception from which they come, that the Lord miraculously draws them to His light and truth. Those miracles have been an encouragement for all of us. Although the works in neighboring states are not as far along, we are seeing God at work as our missionaries are gaining entrance into these remote areas and building relationships with the people. Today as we write to you, we have a survey team investigating another group without the Gospel and without a single word of the Scriptures in their language. They hope to be able to begin ministry there later this year.



We are also very encouraged with all that is happening with our training center for Mexican missionaries. We currently have over 50 students preparing to go, not just to tribal groups in Mexico, but to other countries also. The Mexican church is awakening to a world vision, but much of their experience so far is very limited in cross-cultural work. The students are gaining a huge appreciation for understanding the barriers that the

tribal cultures present. Their hearts for Jesus and dedication to see His name proclaimed are challenging and uplifting to us.

We thank you for your prayers, your support, and your love. You truly are partners with us in this life and ministry of the Lord's, and we count it a privilege to be on the same "team" with you.

In His Love,

Marsh & Joy