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We know that not much time has passed since we last wrote...but we have big news to share. We just found out that we are headed back to Canada in August. For some of you, this might come as a shock, for others, you may have been thinking we should have moved back long ago. For us though, it's bitter sweet.

Edgardo needs to do a medical specialty and in this small town we are in now, it's not an option. Since we didn't want to move to Mexico City for him to do a residency program, we decided to apply for Edgardo's permanent residency in Canada. We know other people who have done this paperwork before, and it always took about 18 months to be processed...so we half expected the same time frame. We prayed about it, and knew that God would speed up or slow down the paperwork depending on His timing. We were a bit surprised when Edgardo's paperwork was approved in only 7 months. It is a total answer to prayer for us, however, it caught us a little off guard to find out that we would be moving in August, since we just found out last week.

We plan on driving to Canada, and since Edgardo needs to be in Canada no later than August 28, we would like to arrive at the border a couple days in advance, and then make our way to Edmonton. Once we arrive we are expecting to live with my mom for a few months until we get settled and on our own feet a bit. We'll probably start looking for a place to live once we find a job. I am going to be looking for full-time work. If anyone in the Edmonton area has any leads, I would greatly appreciate it. Edgardo will be looking for part-time work, since his focus will be studying for two major medical exams. With the permanent residency that was just approved, Edgardo will have a SIN and can work in Alberta. With the intention of getting into a medical specialty, he has lots of hoops to jump through, the first of which is these medical exams. Please pray for him as he prepares, as many Alberta medical doctors have had to write these exams more than once in order to pass. It is almost overwhelming, and at times seems next to impossible for him to get into a specialty program, but he is willing to try his hardest to see what will happen. We are also praying that God will open the doors that need to be opened. While he studies though, he would like to work part-time. Although ideally it would be in the medical field somewhere, he is open to working elsewhere since we will need the money. Again, if anyone knows of anything, we would appreciate it.

It's going to be difficult for us to leave Mexico, as Edgardo's family is here, and we have many kids in the orphanage that we are close to. My joke with Edgardo is that he is the one that actually needs to go to Canada, so he can just leave me here and come visit. Clearly, we would never actually do that, but our hearts are here. We know that there are great things about Canada as well, and are looking forward to spending time with my family, and friends, there.

As for the rest of the summer, all of a sudden it feels like we don't have much time left. We are hoping to bring Gloria, from the orphanage, camping with us at some point, and make it out to the beach a lot with some kids before we head north. We also want to be able to spend time with Edgardo's family before we move.

We are so thankful for all that God has done in and through us in our time here, and it's been a privilege for us to serve Him here and we know that God still has good things in store for us!

Chelsea and Edgardo

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