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Dear friends,

It's been a while since I have written to give some of my news...

It seems to me that since I'm not on the Mission field, I do not have exciting stories or news to tell.

It's now been two years since I came back from Mexico, where I spent six years in Baja California. At first, I was coming back for 6 months, the primary reason being that I wanted to spend more time with my family and friends. My vacation time wasn't enough for me anymore in order to visit all these people, and I would sometimes go back to Mexico tired and not satisfied from my time spent in Canada. So the main reason for this sabbatical time was to rest and to spend more time with my family and friends being in my home country.

Then, as you know, I met a man with whom we had made plans to get married. It's not easy to explain what goes on in the hearts of two people, but although we loved one another very much, we decided not to go forward with our plans.

So during the last two years, I didn't feel ready to go back on the Mission field. As much as it has been a difficult time for me, it has allowed me to get closer to God. My thirst to know Him has increased and I now desire to deepen my relationship with Him because without Him, I cannot conceive to go back to work on the Mission field which can at times be very demanding. We need a lot of love, wisdom, and perseverance when we work on the field. I acknowledge that, although I loved God and wanted to serve Him, I was doing a lot of things out of my own strength. These last two years have allowed me to seek to be renewed by seeking God with a deeper desire to know Him.

Also, in the last 18 months, I have been blessed to find a job in a Daycare center which is about 15 minutes away from my Dad's place where I live. This job blesses me a lot as I work with children of preschool age who are between 18 months and 4 years old. I believe that it is a good training for my future work on the Mission field, as I learn about the needs and how to relate with children of a very young age.

This brings me to share with you that I am in the application process in order to return to Mexico in a few months. I haven't decided of a date yet, but I am thinking about leaving next spring.

Although I know that the need of the Gospel is everywhere, my heart is to go back to serve in Mexico. During the summer of 2008, I had visited one of the centres of the Mission for which I was working (Foundation For His Ministry) in another state of Mexico, in Oaxaca. It is where I originally planned to go back after the 6 month sabbatical, and it is still there that I have on my heart to go back to work with people who have physical needs but also spiritual needs.

Oaxaca is a state of Mexico where there are many indigenous people groups who live in remote mountainous regions which are little or not accessible by road. The Oaxaca Mission, on top of taking care of about 60 children and teenagers, works among different indigenous groups to bring them the Gospel in their own language (Spanish being a second language for many Mexican). There is a lot of work to do in that region and I'm looking forward to see how the Lord is going to use me to reach out to that part of the world.

So this concludes my latest news.

I would greatly appreciate your prayers for the following requests:

- During the next few months, I will be getting ready to travel across Canada and the US and to bring all that I need to work in Mexico.
- Also, after two years of living with my father, it will be hard for both of us to part. May God be with my father during the time of transition after I leave.
- My transition into my new life on the Mission field.
- My family's salvation.
- That I may continue to grow in God and that I may be closer to His heart. My desire is to grow in trust and faith in Him in everything.
- That I may enter into what God has prepared for me. There will be many things that I will be able to do in Oaxaca, but I want to be where He wants me to be, in order for me to be efficient through 'His strength which works powerfully in me.' (Col.1:29)

As I close this letter, I think of this time of the year where we remember the coming of our Lord and Saviour and, in advance, I would like to wish you a beautiful **Christmas** in all its meaning, with your families or with your friends, surrounded by the love of Christ.

Love,

Claudie