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HOLIDAY BLESSINGS!

DURING THE THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS holidays there is much reflection on our blessings. In America many celebrate with family and friends over a Thanksgiving meal and recount those things for which we are thankful. We were blessed to have such an opportunity this year with our family (sans the honeymooners). Our oldest grandchild (3 yrs) provided a list of thanks that included “names”. This is how he captured his blessings of family, cousins and so many people in his life that he appreciates and loves. What a wonderful thought! We agree! We are blessed by so many “names” of people who hold us up in prayer as we seek to serve the Kingdom here in Oaxaca.

We were also blessed to attend our son’s wedding in Austin, TX. Scott and Ashlynn had a beautiful and fun fall wedding and our blessings included attending with all our children and grandchildren!



Scott & Ashlynn at the wedding reception. Can you spot us in the background on the right?

Finally, we are blessed to serve at OCS in Mexico, using our giftings to serve families who serve others in Oaxaca. Allow me to share how two of the families we serve, serve others. The “V.” family serves the church and community of Oaxaca. Sr. “V.” pastors a daughter church across town, investing in the lives of the congregants through Bible studies and Sunday worship and teaching. He also invests time with Lew in conversational Spanish on a weekly basis. Sra “V.”, a doctor, heads a natural birthing center, providing more compassionate and comprehensive care than is the standard at many public hospitals. Ann plans to add volunteering at the center weekly to her busy schedule! The “J.” family serves the Oaxaca church at large and the OCS community. Mr. “J.” serves pastors in the region, providing training (and correction) utilizing his decades of experience in Mexico. (The church in Oaxaca is in great need of pastor training as there are many incidents of local churches being led astray due to pastors with insufficient oversight/training). He also teaches art at OCS. Mrs. “J.” serves the school as a teacher and a librarian. We consider ourselves blessed to play a small part in supporting all these efforts by providing educational opportunities for the children in these families!

We are thankful for so many blessings and look forward to celebrating the greatest blessing, God Himself made flesh in the person of Jesus – that we might have redemption, this Christmas with family! May His peace reign in your hearts this Christmas¹.

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For His Kingdom,

Lew & Ann Coleman

1 Colossians 3:15