

Dear praying friends,

California, here we come! In spite of obvious benefits to being in Ohio this summer, including free housing, we simply feel compelled to be in California with Mike and Hannah this summer. We are taking a huge leap of faith venturing into the unknown, but it is the right decision. Mike has made arrangements for us to take over an apartment lease for some Eternity Bible College students who are friends of his. You don't even want to know how much rent in Simi Valley can be, trust me. We blush to think of it. Mike and Hannah will live with us while continuing with their jobs, paying a good share of the rent. See? I've said all along these kids are a blessing!

For now we are finishing up our school year at double the normal pace, enduring the hottest time of the year, trying to eat everything in the freezer before we disconnect it, all while preparing for two short-term teams that are coming down in June. Jonny, Debbie, and I (Jamie) will fly to Los Angeles on May 18th and get settled in before Jim and Bekah join us on the 22nd (allowing Bekah to finish another full week at the Christian school where she is taking a few classes). Then Jim will return to Oaxaca for a few weeks in June to host the teams. After that we will be in California all summer except for one week in Wisconsin for the wedding!

After receiving our last update, one former missionary to Oaxaca offered to come down for the summer to help manage the recording studio for us. That was an amazing gesture, but after praying about it, we felt it was important to leave our Mexican coworkers clearly in charge. They are fully capable of keeping things running smoothly, and we decided it would give a wrong message to imply that they needed outside supervision beyond phone, email, and Skype conferences with Jim. This is the second provision we turned down. Then someone else who wouldn't want to be mentioned by name offered to advance us the money needed for our summer expenses, just to alleviate any concern over finances. This, too, we considered and declined. Housing, help, and finances. Three things that might appear to be provisions, and all three we declined. Are we out of our minds?

To some of you this makes absolutely no sense whatsoever. In the flesh, it makes no sense to us either, but we are on an interesting journey, and we want to make sure we are doing this God's way so that He alone receives the glory. Scary? You betcha!

We aren't sure where this summer will lead us, but in addition to getting counseling help for one of the kids, we hope to possibly

- connect with other ministries based in Southern California and possibly do some volunteer work
- meet with pastors of Hispanic churches to see about distributing materials to speakers of Oaxacan languages
- develop some additional financial partnerships for our ministry
- get further speech therapy and support for Debbie with her Apraxia
- spend time reconnecting with Mike and Hannah, enjoying this unexpected summer reunited as a family
- find part-time employment for Bekah and Jonny so they will not be strapped by our limited finances

We'd appreciate prayer for these things, and anything else on God's agenda that we don't know about. Pray that His will and purposes would be made evident and be accomplished in and

through us this summer during an otherwise difficult and stress-filled time.

Meanwhile, please also pray for:

- Our new coworkers, the Hayes, who are in the states this summer raising more support to continue working in Oaxaca
- Jim's knee to heal after a soccer injury playing with the kids
- Arturo, Lupe, and Migue continuing to travel to villages to record scriptures "on location"- for safety, health, and good quality work; also for understanding and support from church members who tend to grumble when these young leaders are out of town
- Spiritual protection during this time of intense opposition
- Complete emotional healing for the unnamed child

Thanks so much for standing with us and behind us during the good times and bad. We need you more than ever now. Bless you for your faithfulness to the Loker family and to the non-literate people groups of Mexico. Praise the Lord with us for His love, mercy, faithfulness, guidance, and abundant provision!

Partners in Reaching the Unreached,

Jim and Jamie Loker

Bekah (14), Jonny (13), and Debbie (11)

and also Chris (24), Tim and Heidi (22), Mike (21), and Hannah (18)

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(attach a separate sheet or post-it saying gift is for Loker Mexico ministry)

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type Jim Loker in blank next to Field Coordinator

Jamie's blog (for the rest of the story and more):

[Memories and Musings from Mexico](#)

Jamie's blog for missionary women: [IRL with Jamie Jo](#)

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You can also find us on **Facebook**,

with the caveat that we take no responsibility for anything our kids post,

and particularly I denounce any incriminating photos

that might be posted from the ladies retreat I attended last weekend. Ah-hem.