



The end of May and beginning of June bring two great things: the end of another school year and the start of the rainy season. We are enjoying summer break and the green surroundings. In addition, Oaxaca has been given the "green" designation by the Department of Health. That means that all businesses, schools, and group meetings are now permitted. Here's a brief update on our lives and work in Mitla:

Randy completed his third year of teaching at [Oaxaca Christian School](#) (OCS). Well, he didn't technically teach *at* OCS, He taught math and Bible classes as well as gave the chapel messages from home via Zoom. Thanks for your prayers for wisdom and creativity and continue to pray that God's Word would bear fruit in the lives of the students.

Melanie and a missionary friend have been leading a weekly club for girls in the neighborhood. They've been studying Psalm 23, and most of the girls hadn't heard the gospel until attending the club. Each of the girls memorized the psalm, even one who doesn't know how to read; her mom to helped her practice. Pray that the girls would love Jesus and that their families would be receptive to the gospel, too.



Group photo at the special program before summer break. Katie and Melanie crocheted turtles to give as gifts to the girls.



We met Pablo when he came to our door selling tamales. After several months, we started conversing with him and found out that he wanted to open a restaurant in order to better provide for his family. The problem was that local banks charge 20%-70% interest to borrow money! We loaned him some money so he could start, and he invited us to his grand opening on June 20. He even asked Randy to pray at the opening. Pray that God would provide for his needs and that he would use our relationship with him to draw him to the Father through Jesus.

Pablo roasts chickens over a wood fire. One of his boys looks on from inside the crib in the background.

Our friend Ben invited Randy and Erik to go to the village of San Juan Buenavista where he taught the Walk Thru the Old Testament. The teaching session was about six hours long since Ben presented it in Spanish and the pastor translated it into Mazateco. We stayed with the pastor, who years ago had helped SIL missionaries translate the New Testament and Genesis into Mazateco. Ben's son,

Anders, is one of Randy's students. He also went on the village and posted a video of the trip.



During a break, Erik made origami birds and frogs for the kids



Jon completed his second year of missionary aviation training at Moody Aviation. Pray for him as he prepares to take the general and airframe aviation maintenance technician oral & practical exam in July.

Jon shows his aircraft paint job.



This shot is especially for our Canadian family and friends. Not bad, eh?

We continue to be thankful for the nearby hills that allow us to take our family hikes on Fridays. The exercise is great, and it gives Erik opportunities to take lots of pictures. Many of these pictures are turned into works of art that he writes tutorials for on his website, birddetails.com. (Check it out even if you aren't an artist to see some great work!)



Bouchard's Wren (photo by Erik)

We plan to be in the United States for the month of July. We'll spend a week in Washington and the rest of the time in Pennsylvania. We'll be sharing with Maple Grove Mennonite Church on July 18, and with Waterway Church on July 25. Please pray for health and safety as we travel.

Finally, we ask you to pray for us as parents. The past months have been the most difficult we've had as parents, seeing our adopted children making unwise and ungodly choices. Pray that we would have wisdom to teach, and that the Holy Spirit would work in their hearts so they would see the truth, goodness and beauty of God.

As always, thank you for your prayers and support. We couldn't serve here without you.
Love in Christ,

Randy + Melanie