

Community In Acts Update

September 27th, 2021

John 15:5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

This classic example Jesus used in John 15 has been preached upon millions of times. The conditional statement of ...if a man remains in me and I in him is followed by two guarantees. The first guarantee is that person will bear fruit. It is a natural outcome to a supernatural relationship. The second guarantee is apart from Jesus you can do nothing. I believe ‘nothing’ here refers to work that is acceptable to the Father. So, our one main responsibility is to remain in Jesus. The fruitful outcome of abiding in Jesus will be significant and recognized by our Heavenly Father. Like you, I want my temporal life to make an eternal difference. I want it to be significant and be recognized and accepted by our Father.

Big Change

Unfortunately, our son Zachary has felt very unstable for the last several weeks. As parents we were/are very concerned. However, last week while we had our family reunion Zachary informed us that he would like to come home where he feels more secure and loved. All along, this is what we hoped for, but it had to be his decision and not ours. We met with his doctor and spoke with her for quite a long time about all that Zach’s coming home would require. We had to coordinate his medicine. We now have some alternative medicine we can use that will allow Zachary to stay in Mexico much longer. The doctor was genuinely optimistic that this will be a good move for Zachary. She graciously agreed to continue to meet with him via Zoom when necessary.

Her counsel was to have a structured, daily routine that will be physical, repetitive, low pressure and linked to something with a clear purpose. We spoke about the ranch, seminary/camp project and she literally said, “...that is absolutely perfect.”

We arrive home in Puebla tomorrow and will begin to make plans to work both in Puebla and in Veracruz. While out at the ranch, I will continue to minister via Zoom, much like we have been for the last two years and will be working physically with Zachary on all of the various projects and maintenance issues needed. We will most likely divide our time in half between Puebla/Veracruz until we figure out a better format.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for Zach’s assimilation back into Mexico and living at home.
2. Pray for the 15 church planters as they launch their new churches.
3. Pray for our staff as ministries in San Nicholas are in full swing.
4. Pray for the church plant in San Nicholas that it will continue to grow.