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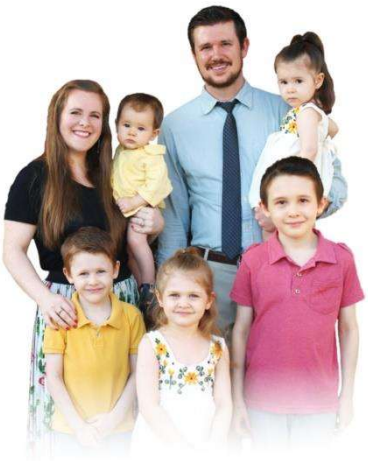

September/October 2026:

Dear church and friends,

It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas! Temperatures here have dropped into the 80's, which always puts us in a festive mood! September and October were fruitful months full of the Lord's blessings.

In September, we finished evangelizing the Santa Rosa neighborhood. According to census data, there are 3,284 households in that neighborhood and 9,418 inhabitants. We knocked on every door in Santa Rosa and were able to personally share the full Gospel message with 367 people. 81 of them made a profession of faith, praying to receive Christ as Savior. Those who did not open their doors to us received a Gospel tract and an invitation to our church in their mailbox. Please pray for the seeds that were planted in Santa Rosa. We are now evangelizing the next neighborhood, Vicente Solís. Please pray with us for the people there to be receptive to the Gospel.

Over the past couple of months, several visitors have started attending the South Mérida Baptist Church. They are waiting to start taking discipleship classes. We are finishing up the classes we are currently teaching and will be ready to start new classes at the end of November. The newcomers will be starting their first classes and everyone else will be moving on to their next ones. There is a lot of excitement in the church about the things we are learning from God's Word. Please pray for the church to continue growing in number and spiritual maturity.

We are coming to the end of our Fall semester in the seminary. I have been teaching a course on missions. As a missionary, of course, this is one of my favorite classes to teach! A few of our students had already expressed to us a desire to prepare for mission work before this semester began. They are now even more cemented in that desire. Please pray for their continuing preparation for full-time service. We know from experience that the Lord tests the ones He calls and that the devil increases the ferocity of his attacks on them. Pray that our students would remain steadfast in their convictions and devoted to the path they are on and the Lord they are following.

The construction project continues to progress. As 2026 draws to a close, if you are a business owner and plan to make end-of-the-year charitable donations for tax write-offs, please consider contributing to this project. It would help us tremendously! Visit *chapter2project.com* for photos, further updates, and more information.

Our annual men's retreat will be November 14-16. It is always a time of encouragement, bonding, and inspiration for the men from all four of our churches as we come together to pray, sing, enjoy fellowship, and study God's Word. Please pray for this year's retreat and all of our upcoming holiday outreach events.

Please also pray for Michael. He has been having a lot of tooth pain due to hypomineralization. We have been taking him back and forth to the dentist for several months. She has told us that he will likely need root canals eventually, but is trying to avoid that until his teeth are fully formed. It's been a constant source of frustration for him. We have another appointment on Monday. Please pray that the dentist can help us get his pain under control and recommend the best treatments for him.

We greatly value your partnership as we work together to reach the world for Christ! We hope that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas season and that the end of 2026 would be filled with many more blessings for you & your church!

Yours in Christ,
Joshua, Amanda, & the kids

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