

Dear Ministry Partner

We were glad summer lingered longer than usual, but isn't Fall weather marvelous?



We recently enjoyed a visit from Melissa's brother Chris.

We spent a couple of days touring around our area of Wisconsin with Chris. Then he generously helped painted the walls of our home addition!

A week later, we drove up north for a week of vacation with Rachel and Andrew. We enjoyed star gazing, hiking, paddling around a lake, playing cards and cooking out. Our new puppy Molly joined us on the trails.

Paul joined us the last day. Except for sickness at the end, it was a fun, memorable trip.



This was the last time we'll see Rachel and Andrew before they head off to tour Asia (next Spring) and then move to Europe (next Fall). Adventures abound for them, but we'll miss them so much! Please ask God to guide each step as they transition in the months ahead.

Our remote work has been focused on budgets and online meetings with other administrators. Ed is working on a website and logistics related to our new Short-Term Missions program to receive church teams. The goal for these teams is to come to Mexico to assist with maintenance projects at the main translation center in Mitla.

Here are some ways you can support us through prayer and action:

Our Mexico Branch budget is very limited moving forward. Last year the branch was able to reimburse us for our trip to Mexico, but this year we'll need to raise funds for our own travel and lodging. We have already received some unexpected donations, so we are trusting God to provide. Please continue to pray for this need or give, as God leads.

Our organization in Mexico is desperate for a new controller. This person can work remotely from the U.S. If you know of anyone who might be willing to volunteer in this position, please send their contact information to us. Then we'll put them in touch with our Personnel department. Feel free to share this job description...

Controller job description: Supervises and oversees the daily activities of the SIL Mexico finance department. Reports activities to the Mexico Branch Director of Finance. Collaborates with team members in problem solving.

Plans for 2025: We hope to spend February and March in Mexico again. At that time Melissa will be training a Mexican national to take over her position as Director of Facilities. This is a good step for our organization as we want the Mexican church to feel more ownership of the Bible translation task. So, in April, Melissa will begin another remote assignment within our organization. Please pray for God's leading as she decides what her next role will be. Ed will continue on as the Project Coordinator, which might include extra trips to Mexico to supervise Short-Term Missions teams.

Megan and Dipta: They are working on conversational skills to practice speaking the language where they live in Southeast Asia. They are expecting our second grandchild in February! Being so far away from family and living in a non-Christian culture where proper ethnic dress and lifestyle is expected is often challenging. We long to see them, too, but need to come up with a financial plan. We're hoping to travel there near the end of 2025.

Paul is still exploring mission aviation and working through the steps of applying and being evaluated in November. Pray for God to open and close doors.

Ryan has moved to Madison, Alabama, which is near Huntington which is home to the Army's Redstone Arsenal and NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center. He moved in with a college roommate who works for the U.S. defense department. Please pray for Ryan as he figures out what church to attend and what career training he should explore. He will continue to work at Starbucks as he settles in.

We are blessed and thankful for family times we just had. We're happy to be in the last stages of finishing our home addition. We can start moving in soon. Our puppy makes us smile (and cry "oh, no!" at times). Most of all we're thankful that God is control of all things including the outcome of the next election and restoring lives after natural disasters. We're thankful that he has given us purpose and eternal life that will make this life seem like a distant memory a thousand years from now. We are always thankful that we aren't alone largely because of your interest, prayers and support of our ministry.

Enjoy the Fall colors, deer hunting, fellowship with believers and times with your families in the months ahead.

With Gratitude,

Ed and Melissa Swanson

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