

# Grace to Every Tribe

A prayer update from AJ & Ruth Gibson

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is just a brief update on our recent and upcoming activities.

## Family

We're continuing to enjoy Hudson, the new addition to our family. He turned one month old today (May 25). Of course, having a newborn in the house has resulted in certain "adjustments" to our normal schedules and routines, but it's a small price to pay for the joy that he's brought to our home. Jonathan, Christian, and Katelyn love him dearly. The boys are great helpers with him. Katelyn...not so much (although she means well ☺).

## Local Ministry

We continue to enjoy our local church, Divine Providence Church. It is a wonderful body and has afforded us many growth and ministry opportunities. Ruth continues to play the piano for Sunday worship. She also teaches a children's Sunday school class (although she's taken a few weeks break from that with the birth of Hudson). I occasionally have opportunities to teach and preach and in July-August I'll be teaching a weekly Saturday morning class on Biblical Theology. In addition to these ministries, Ruth and I have both been involved in several discipleship relationships with fellow members of our congregation.

## Mexico Ministry

I've continued to enjoy our ministry in the coastal fishing village where we work in the northeastern state of Tamaulipas. Several of us from *To Every Tribe* spent most of last week there and were thrilled to lead several (5 total) Bible studies on John 3 & 4 with various members of the community. Please pray for our ministry there and especially for Oscar, Minerva, and Ariana, three believers whom we are discipling. Lord willing we'll be heading back down next weekend for one final visit before the end of the CPCP school year. Also, please continue to pray for our safety as we pass through some of the more dangerous areas in Mexico's on-going drug war.

Lord willing, in June I'll be spending three weeks in Mexico. Two-and-a-half of those will be spent in the southern state of Oaxaca. I'm excited for the opportunity to spend time with our church planting team in the state's northwestern mountains (this is the same area where we held a medical and dental clinic last November). I'm also looking forward to spending a good portion of my trip traveling, scouting, and researching both in northwestern Oaxaca and northeastern Guerrero (the neighboring state). This is a massive, mountainous, remote region (see circled area on map) with very little gospel presence. Please pray for me as I seek new ministry areas for *To Every Tribe*. Our desire is to press the kingdom of Christ deeply into those mountains.



## New Ministry Vehicle

This week God enabled us to buy a new(er) Suburban for traveling in Mexico. Our old Suburban has over 330,000 miles on it and although it has been great for traveling in northern Mexico, it has not been suitable for travel to and in Oaxaca (where reliability and four-wheel-drive are "a must"). Praise the Lord for his provision!

Thank you all for your faithful prayer and support for our family and our ministry. Here's a summary of our prayer requests:

- My trips to Mexico the next couple of months
- Growth for Oscar, Minerva, and Ariana
- Our family's future ministry plans
- The salvation and spiritual growth of our children

For the gospel and the kingdom,

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Hudson at 3 weeks

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