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Dear Friends and Family,

Summer has been an exciting blur of activities, ministry, and fun. Our family has grown by one; Judah Alexander was born on May 25th--the last day of school. Our three older kids enjoyed holding and playing with Baby Judah all summer, and now we have entered a new chapter as they have gone back to school. The house is now a peaceful, quiet place! It is time to take a deep breath, get things in order, and give an update of all that has happened!

A life changed--follow up report

Last summer Abi had the opportunity of sharing Christ with the Mejia family who happened to be listening to Radio Esperanza when he was on the air. They drove to the radio station and waited for Abi to finish the program. After they talked with him, their daughter, Crystal, prayed to invite Jesus into her life. The Mejias started to attend our church where the parents became Christians the following week. Several months later, our pastor and his wife invited us to their house along with the Mejia family, including their son, who is a professional baseball player. Abi was able to talk to him as well, and he too trusted Christ as his Savior! Now, one year later, the entire Mejia family was baptized. They are growing in their faith and are active in our church. We have been blessed to see a glimpse of what Radio Esperanza does. It brings HOPE that only Jesus can provide to those who are lost. We were able to see it play out in this family at our church, but this happens on a daily basis--the Lord is in the business of changing lives!



Reconstruction--in the final phase

In May Abi was able to return to Joquicingo, Mexico to visit the church affected by the earthquake last September. His supervisor from Radio Esperanza accompanied him along with his son and two musicians from our church. The purpose for this trip was to reconnect with the pastor and minister in surrounding churches to raise funds for the continued reconstruction. Abi was able to donate his CD sales to this cause as well. By the end of the week, they were able to raise over \$1000, which contributed toward the final phase of reconstruction. We saw God's hand at work in so many different ways! The Lord provided for all of the expenses for this trip, which in itself is a huge answer to prayer! The members of the congregation were so encouraged by our visit--there were many that followed us to each destination, and were brought to tears upon seeing all that the Lord was accomplishing. The schedule was rigorous--some days finishing late at night, only to wake up at 4:00 a.m. to reach the next destination. The Lord impacted many people's lives on this trip! Thank you for your prayers!



An extension of Radio Esperanza

During the summer Abi has had several opportunities to minister in music and preach in Texas and various places in Mexico--many of which are in dangerous areas. Abi's newest responsibility at the Radio is representing Radio Esperanza and Rio Grande Bible Institute to churches and connecting with pastors. Abi was able to connect with many pastors at a convention in Northeast Texas and give a workshop with youth. He recently had two trips to Mexico to Rio Bravo and Ciudad Victoria. In both of these trips he was able to connect with pastors who are faithful Radio Esperanza listeners. He was able to preach the Word of God as well and minister in music. We are excited to see this part of Abi's responsibilities take shape.



The Ahumadas

Time doesn't stand still! We celebrated our 10th year anniversary in May just before Judah's birth. It has been an exciting adventure! Here is the latest on our family.

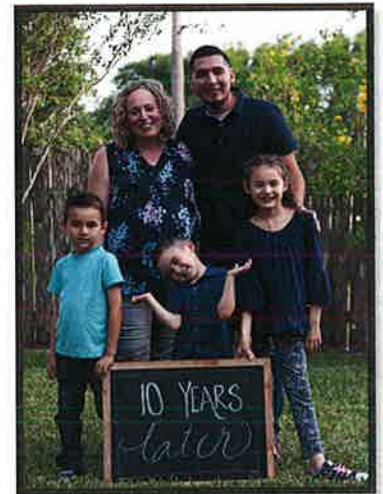
Zoe is 9-going on 16! This 4th grader loves to read and make slime. She enjoys baking shows and would like to get into a baking competition with her mom. She recently informed us that when she grows up, she would like to be a music missionary like her dad!



Caleb turns 7 in September. He is now in 1st grade and loves math. He likes the guitar and would like to take lessons this year. Caleb loves playing with the neighborhood kids and video games.

Liam will be 5 in October. He started PreK at his brother and sister's school. Liam loves soccer and playing outside with the neighborhood kids. He has a tender heart toward spiritual things. He is always the first one to volunteer to pray or remind us of bedtime devotions.

Judah is now three months old! He is a very easygoing baby. He missed his siblings the first week of school. The great silence in the house left him thinking he was alone, so as a result, his naps were short and few. He is always ready with a smile and a soft coo!



We trust that the Lord has great plans for each of our kids. May He give us the wisdom we need to raise them to follow HIM. Baby Judah loves to rest his ear to our chest where he can hear our beating heart. It has made me desire the same--to be at complete rest listening to the heartbeat of our Lord and desiring the things that He wants for us.

Thank you for your investment in our lives and ministry; the Lord is doing many exciting things! Your prayers and support are a vital part of what we do. We are grateful for you and your partnership with us!

Trusting Him on our journey.

Abi & Julie Ahumada *Abi & Julie*

Zoe, Caleb, Liam, and Judah



Thank you so much for the check you sent for something for Judah. I'm excited to tell you I was able to buy something I always wanted - a Tula baby carrier. I found one on clearance for only \$35! (from the website original cost is \$139!) So I love getting a deal and thank you! I've used it the past 2 days and it seems like Judah is so comfy! Thank you also for your prayers and support! We appreciate it! Hope to see you on our travels next summer!

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