

# THE HUHTA FAMILY PRAYER LETTER

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Dear Friend,

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We hope the new year has begun well for you and your family and that you will see God's hand at work with blessing throughout the year! We are grateful for a good year in 2017, for the Lord's gracious provision through many of you, and for your prayers on our behalf!

As we have thought back through the blessings we received, and what the Lord has done this past year, we remember how the Lord brought us into contact with a number of young people who have an interest in serving in full-time ministry. Allow me to share some of that, although I think it would be best not to mention their names on this occasion, to avoid any undue pressure on them.

You may remember how we began a youth Bible study in our home a year and half ago. Among those who have been faithful in the study and helped out in leading, is one young man who feels called to the pastorate. He is now attending Bible college in his second semester. He has two brothers, still in high school, who have also attended regularly, both of whom went on the mission trip we helped to organize last summer. One of them appears to be called to the pastorate as well. Another young man, who is their cousin, also has attended as consistently as his work schedule allows and went on the mission trip last July as well. After that trip, he shared with me over lunch that the Lord has increased his burden for the people of Mexico, and he is considering if the Lord may be calling him to ministry there. So one of the rewards from that Bible study has been watching these young men mature in their spiritual awareness of God's calling.

During the first fall after we arrived in Colorado, we met a young lady just beginning high school at the Tri-City missions conference. She was serving as an assistant in the children's church in which we were asked to give a report. She introduced herself and mentioned her interest in learning Spanish. We saw her later in various activities at church, and then she began to attend the Sunday evening Hispanic Bible study we began in connection with the food bank. When the teacher for the children's class could not continue, she took over as the teacher and has been helping us faithfully for nearly two years. Unbeknownst to us, she was praying that the church would organize a mission trip to Mexico, with us, and indeed, the Lord answered her prayer and she was a joyous participant in last summer's trip. She has since shared with us her desire to serve in missions and is looking at attending a Bible college with a program for internship on the field this fall.

Another young man began attending Tri-City this past summer and approached us about the possibility of doing a short-term trip to Mexico in order to serve and consider the work of missions. We coordinated a trip where he was hosted by the Institute staff in Hermosillo for several weeks and just returned this week. He is also considering full-time ministry.

Then there was the young man from Woodside Baptist who approached me after the praise service on Thanksgiving day two months ago. I had the privilege of giving a bilingual message that morning, and he came up afterwards to thank me for the message and to share that just the week before he had sensed that the Lord was calling him to mission work in Mexico. We will be meeting in the next few days to talk about that adventure!

All of these young people show great potential for ministry, and we count it a privilege from the Lord to have contact with them. The Lord first called me to serve in Mexico through 2 Timothy 2:2, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." That burden has never left me ... may He be pleased to raise up many more faithful men and women for His service!

Sincerely for the Huhtas, **Keith**

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