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Dear Family and Friends,

We pray that you had an awesome Christmas, celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior with family and friends. We had the chance to spend time with most of our family. Only one of Ron's "distant" siblings was unable to make it to Wisconsin (we missed you Jay & Jamie)! Two other siblings were unable to make it by us, but they're from Illinois and we get to see them more often. (We still missed you guys!) Christmas Eve was spent with Kristy's family, involving a huge dinner and an awesome church service. Christmas Day was spent reading about the birth of Christ from the Bible, and of course it involved eating cookies off the tree and hot chocolate. We can't leave out the several hours of volleyball played the following day. That was a lot of fun!!

We have had a lot of questions recently about Ron's back and how it will affect our work in Tijuana. First of all, his back is doing a little better. There are good days, and there are bad. He is still taking pain medication, but is planning to see another doctor to help him "manage" the pain. One of Ron's main jobs will be to manage the home building program for Tijuana. This will include starting it up, organizing it, recruiting teams from the US and Canada to build the homes, etc. Even on the building sites, his main task will be supervising. This is not to say that he won't be getting in there, building right along with them. He will especially be working on the construction sites of other projects we have previously mentioned (the children's homes, senior center, churches, etc.). We trust that God's plan is perfect. We're confident that He will use us to complete the tasks He has prepared for us to do.

We are continuing to set up small group meetings in the homes of family and friends. This has been a huge blessing to us to be able to share in greater detail what we will be doing in Mexico. It gives us the opportunity to share video clips, pictures and much more. Another great part of these meetings is being able to answer people's questions. We have at least two meetings we are scheduling dates for this month, and plan to have more next month. If you think you might be interested in having a meeting in your home, we'd love to talk with about what it entails. It isn't much work, but there are so many benefits our ministry reaps from this. If you have been praying for an opportunity to get involved, but haven't quite figured out how you would like to do that,

this may be for you. Or maybe you just like to throw parties and have people over in your home. This is a great way to do that, and do something for God at the same time!

We appreciate all of your thoughts and prayers as we continue to work toward our goal of leaving for Mexico by June.

In Christ,
Ron & Kristy

Prayer Requests:

- *That the Lord will lead us to the people He has prepared to partner with us in our ministry.*
- *For our small group meetings in February.*
- *Time & energy to finish the remodeling of our home.*
- *For speedy sale of our house when listed (goal of March).*