

Headed to México

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Look out! This is a long one – but it's been such a great month.

When exam time comes for our church's local Bible college, Rolando can leave the study guides and exams with another teacher to pass out, and we can be gone up to three Sundays. This month during midterms, we went to Virginia to visit some churches with whom we already have somewhat of a relation. The trip, overall, was very pleasurable, and we look forward to going back sometime next year!

We enjoyed the hospitality of our friends, the Frantz family, who hosted us, fed us,



and tolerated us for the ten days. Here's a run-through of the events:

Sunday the 19th - We had the privilege of teaching teen Sunday School and children's church at Sweethaven Baptist,



and we had the honor of having an 'official meeting' in Central Baptist that evening.

Monday - We got to spend time with Pastor and Mrs. Bagi



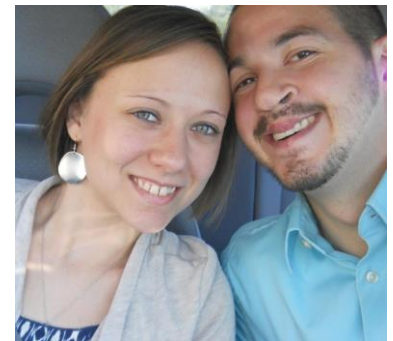
in their home, learning from their wisdom and enjoying their company. We also got to spend time with Pastor Charles' family for supper and have very good conversation about how to minister to pastors and their families while we're visiting churches, and

neat tips on how to minister to missionaries visiting our church.

Wednesday - We enjoyed the evening service with the Bagis and again spent a few hours with them.

Thursday and Friday mornings - We heard Creation talks at Tabernacle Baptist Church/Christian School by Jeff Setzer and Matt Miles. They did an excellent job, and even had huge dinosaur fossils set up in the gym!

Thursday and Friday evenings - We attended Sweethaven's mission conference to see our friends the Wagars present their burden for Chuuk, an island of



Micronesia. They have a great burden for all the Micronesian islands and are working hard to get there! Since we were

there, Pastor Borkert graciously allowed us to speak of our burden as well and thus raise more **prayer support!** After the service, the Frantz's served the Wagars and us dessert, and we all had a good time of fellowship.

Saturday - This day was more laid back than others. We got to spend more time with the Frantz's than we had previously, since they both work fulltime.

Sunday the 26th - For the morning service, we joined Calvary Baptist in worship, and Pastor Gray allowed us to speak briefly, again raising our level of prayer support! While there, we got to see the **Guilbaud** family as well, missionaries working to reach Puerto Rico. After service, we five headed to Iglesia Bautista Buenas Nuevas to join them for their afternoon service. When we arrived, they were finishing a fellowship meal before the service, and they allowed us to join them. The service went well, following which, one of the attending families invited us to spend the afternoon at their house. They were very generous to us, and fed us a delicious supper before evening service. We joined Good News Baptist that evening. Upon walking in, Hannah was asked by a pianist friend to play the offertory, and permission for that was

received from the music pastor (who knows us), but amidst the last-minute hubbub, it was not explained who she was, so there was a bit of confusion on the part of the senior pastor and many congregants (although quite a number knows us) when they saw the unfamiliar pianist! Of course, Pastor Ascher was very gracious about it and even spoke of having us in for a meeting next year perhaps.

Monday - We again spent a meal time and a few hours of fellowship with Pastor and Mrs. Bagi before heading back to Central Baptist for their second day of revival with Evangelist Byron Foxx.

Tuesday - On Sunday, we met a young man with a strikingly similar background to Rolando. He ended up asking us to dinner with his wife on Tuesday night. We enjoyed getting to know them a bit and starting a new friendship before heading back home that night. Our trip back was uneventful and safe.

Back in North Carolina, a nearby church invited us to come help them with their Fall Festival on Wednesday night, where Rolando was able to lead a boy to Christ – Praise God! And to finish the month off, we joined Living Word for their Youth Rally.

Many praying friends have lately been asking for what **special requests** we would like prayer. Here are a few that we would specifically appreciate right now:

- 1) Pray that calling will go well the next few weeks as we try to contact pastors and fill out next year's calendar.
- 2) Pray that Hannah will stay motivated in studying Spanish and will really advance.
- 3) Pray that our financial support will keep building. Presently, we have 5% – Praise God; He provides!
- 4) Pray that we might have the funds to go to Mexico for the annual conference and to see family in January.

Feel free to **write US** back with questions or comments! You may see older newsletters by going to wwntbm.com > connect > missionaries > Ortiz > prayer letters. Are you able to read these well, or do we need to make some format changes? Thanks so much for taking your time to listen to us and to pray for us!

Eager to reach Mexico,
Rolando, Hannah, and
Azelia Ortiz

