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*A Great Place To Grow in Christ*  
*For the Entire Family*

<b>Sunday January 10, 2016</b>
<b>This Weeks Events</b>
<b>Today:</b> 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Sunday School</i> —Pastor Saloum 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Weekly Message From God</i> —Pastor Saloum 6:00PM: (Grange)— <i>Advanced Bible</i> .—Pastor Saloum
<b>Upcoming Events</b>
<b>Feb. 7, 2016:</b> 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>PANCAKE BREAKFAST</i> —Charles Wasiklausky
March 13, 2016 NOON: (Grange)— <i>SPAGETTII FEED</i> —Charles Wasiklausky
<b>April 24, 2016:</b> 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Missionary to Panama</i> —Brent Hoffman Family 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Missionary to Panama</i> —Brent Hoffman Family NOON: (Grange)— <i>Meet the Missionary POTLUCK</i> —
<b>September 11-14, 2016:</b> <i>EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS</i> — <i>SAM GIPP</i>

## ***If Thou Wilt***

By Rev. Ron Coale, Pastor



There was a Leper one day who said to Jesus, "Lord, if thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean." There is a measure of faith demonstrated in this leper's words. He knows that the Lord can make him clean if He wants to. Furthermore, he knows that Jesus is the Lord. When he asks Jesus to do something for him, he asks with the right motives and heart. He says, "if thou wilt..."

Jesus had just taught the people on the mountain if they asked for anything, they shall receive it. This does not always mean that we will get exactly what we want, but if we ask with a pure motive allowing God to give us the answer that HE desires to give, we will not be disappointed. The leper asked with the right heart, in the right way. The method of his prayer allows Jesus to answer anyway He desires. He leaves it in Jesus' hands.

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## Robert and Sherah Trump Missionaries to Germany



*Make ye mention to the nations. . . Jer. 4:16*



December 2015

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Praise the Lord for another year here in Germany. The year ended well and we have things to look forward to in 2016.

Thank you all for praying for our visa appointment. The appointment went well in our estimation. Some misunderstandings were cleared up and some other helpful documents were submitted. We left with the belief that the government would renew our visa once again.

Our caseworker at the immigration office is still shy about our situation in Germany. She has her doubts about how secure freelancing is, let alone missionary work. For this reason, she said that she would recommend that the government extend our visa for only one year, in order to see if our financial support keeps coming in. Strange, right? The testimony of living here for two years isn't assurance enough that we can pay our bills? In any event, the good news is it looks like we can remain here.

**Please keep praying for our place here. By the end of 2016, we hope that the authorities will have learned that we can secure a living for ourselves here. Thereafter longer extensions and permanent residency should follow.**

Sherah and I enjoyed a lot of evangelism in December. The Christmas markets all over the area were packed with people. Whenever there is a festival over here we can get a lot more tracts out. We went several times to Stuttgart and visited Ditzingen and Esslingen also. Between Sherah and I alone, we got out almost 2,000 tracts and I was able to preach to some large crowds. It was a blessing in the service of the Lord!

Missionary Nico Verhoef brought Missionary Joel Hauser and a church member along to join us for one Saturday in the city center of Stuttgart. We were planning to setup in one place for a while and move around to other areas as we evangelized, but once we setup there was so much action that we stayed in one place the entire time.

An old German man named Franz stopped to talk and I witnessed to him for a while. He's one of those skeptics that questions everything, but I believe he's doing that, because he's searching. He went from, "There is no God," to, "Fine, there is a God, but Jesus Christ didn't exist," to, "Fine, Jesus Christ existed, but the Bible can't be trusted, can it?" **Pray for the salvation of Franz. He gave me his information and I'm planning to contact him after the holidays.**

While we were out, I also talked to some Christians, whose information I

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# *The Russell Family*

Missionaries to Mexico



## Hitting the Road

Wow these last two months have flown by! This time of year is always busy for everyone with the holidays, visiting family and friends, and bringing in the New Year. On top of the normal holiday craze, we moved out of our house, and had meetings at several churches, praise the Lord!

The holiday's were bitter sweet for us this year. We anticipated this being our last Thanksgiving and Christmas with our family for quite some time, so the time spent celebrating our Lord and Savior with loved ones was greatly appreciated, but a little sad at the same time as we said our final good-byes to many.

As far as our house goes, we officially moved out of it on January 2nd. I never realized how much "stuff" we had until we started selling everything and packing the rest for the road. I guess it goes without saying though, after living in it for ten years as a family of five. Our kids were able to do things that would have never been allowed otherwise, such as ride scooters through the house, eat cereal or cold sandwiches for dinner for more days than we care to admit, and eat on the floor-criss-cross applesauce Japanese style while playing with toys due to the absence of our normal household items. The Lord is so good! Instead of feeling sad over losing our household possessions, my wife and I both felt amazingly liberated by purging over 90% of our material possessions.

Praise God, we are excited to FINALLY be on the road full time and done with the grueling details of downsizing and moving... for the most part. We have a property management company coming in this week to take over and get some renters in, as it didn't sell for us. Please be in prayer that we get some good, long term renters in ASAP.

We had the opportunity to have lunch with Raymond and Laurie Jones while they were back for a short furlough. They are the couple that we will be working under for the first year that we are in Mexico. It was a wonderful 4 hour lunch where we were able to catch up with all the details of what is happening in Mexico as well as make some future plans for when we arrive there. We are so excited to get on the field and begin the work; even knowing at first the work consists of learning the language and culture. We are planning to hit the ground running, if the Lord allows.

We will be in California for the next four months solid with meetings every week, Praise the Lord!! Please pray for traveling mercies, health and safety for our children, and fruitful upcoming meetings.

Looking forward to His return,  
The Russell's



## *The Loewen Family* in the Yucatan Peninsula

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

Happy New Year to all! We are excited about what 2016 has in store for us here in Tekax! This November & December we were busy, and as we all know, it seems to make time fly by. So much has happened and, with a new year, its also a time of reminiscing of what God has done in 2015.

In the last 2 months we have seen spiritual growth and we have seen a falling away; rejoicing and sadness. There has been great progress with our property and the palapa construction. We also had an awesome conference. We had disappointment as we saw several dear church families, step away from the Lord or get swayed by friends and families to go elsewhere. There is no doubt the Lord is faithful till the end. HE never leaves!

We mentioned in our last prayer letter that we had just concreted the main posts into the ground (for more pictures, visit us at [loewenstomexico.net](http://loewenstomexico.net)) From there, we continued by sanding and varnishing the logs that were to go up for the roof. Our boys have been working there every chance they get. Here is a list of all that has been done: digging the septic tank (needs to be 15 ft deep), cutting leaves for the roof of the palapa, sanding and varnishing logs, digging for the foundation, chipping up rocks for the foundation, stacking & heaving up leaves for the 'roofers' to have a supply to weave the roof, and much more. Our boys have earned knowledge that they would never have gotten elsewhere! We've also placed a light post in the yard, and are working on a side walk. The Lord blessed us with being able to use a Bobcat again to help fill and level the inside of the palapa. On the same thought of blessings, we want to say "Thank you" to Bibel Baptisten Gemeinde, a church in Mexico that donated a generous amount to help with the construction of our palapa.

November 20-22, we had our annual Conference. The theme of the conference was, "Will you stand up for Christ?". We invited Pastor Carlson from our home church to preach, and we brought back Pastor Bill Wall from Chihuahua, Mexico. The preaching was excellent, and well received. The conference went from Friday evening till Sunday evening. We were encouraged by the folks visiting from churches in the peninsula as well as at least one from a neighboring state. Our highest attendance for one service was 146.



Jorge

A lot of prayer and planning was put into this conference by our people. They helped us paint and prepare all our decorations and helped set up all the tables & chairs. Our folks united together to prepare and serve all the food for everyone, even the children joined in to sell snacks and drinks. Oh! what a difference from last year—

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we felt blessed!

About 2 months before the conference, I had our people pray for a specific person (s), that they would like to see come to the conference. Elvia's prayers were answered because her sister-in-law, Erica came Sunday. Elvia was thrilled and so were we! Erica heard the gospel that Sunday morning, and she told us later that she took that step and got saved. Her daughters, Estela and Joana heard the gospel the following week, at different times, and each one prayed to receive the Lord. They are 17 and 15 years of age. Please pray for Estela, for the world is painting a 'beautiful' picture which she is caught in. These girls along with their cousin, have been to several of our youth activities. Erica, on the other hand, has been so steeped into Catholicism, that she has a hard time letting go of what has been her 'life'—she feels like the rug has been pulled out from under her. She desires truth, but at the same time, its hard to 'swallow'. Please pray for her and her whole family.

While out soul winning, one Friday afternoon, Calen and Luis met a man named Jorge. He told them he was searching for truth. The following week I went to visit him. Wow! another Christian man desiring to tell others of Christ and not finding anyone else doing it. We need more labourers! This family has begun to meet with us, and desires to grow spiritually. We praise HIM for his mercy and grace!

We've had the opportunity on 2 big occasions, to hand out over 3000 tracts with our church families, which was a first for most of them. For soul winning, we typically have 8 people that come. Last week we had ten. Sometimes a few children want to join in, and we welcome them too. We've also had children take tracts on Sunday, saying that they will hand them out at school that week. Diego, Elvia's son, has a JW friend, and Diego usually comes to me with a question about something his friend told him. Praise the Lord for his bold witness!

We put together a Christmas program, the 24th of December, proclaiming Christ's birth. The involvement of the children and adults was a blessing. For the new years eve service, our folks wanted to have it on the church property, in the palapa, so that is what we did. Oh my! We had 5 men preach or give a testimony, and 6 or more singing specials. We all brought some food and enjoyed fellowshiping together afterward. Near midnight, many knelt at the altar, to 'pray-in' the new year. Oh what rejoicing in my heart! The Lord has been so good! After all was done, we went out to the street to celebrate with fireworks, as is the custom here. We have a joy beyond measure, to see the Lord working. It's an honor to be representing you and your faithful missions offering here in Tekax, Yucatan. May we all be found faithful in the Lord's work, wherever the Lord has us. We pray the Lord blesses you in all you do for HIM.

Yours for souls in the Yucatan Peninsula,

Niles & Pam Loewen and Family.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

607.	Pastor	Souls saved in Shelton.
629.	Matt	Gregson Family Finances.
680.	Matt	Savings Account (Building fund) to reach —(\$10,000).
685.	Dee P.	Dee's brother Duane (a proud atheist) salvation.
755.	Regina	Grace Baptist Church to grow in membership.
763.	Sally	Brother Nathan called to preach. Strength & direction.
796.	Regina	Strength for God's will in her life.
803.	Dee P.	Improved church attendance for her family.
822.	Regina	Personal Health.
849.	Sally	Jonny seeks God's will in making decisions for future.
865.	Dee P.	Son Joseph's health problems & depression.
867.	Dee P.	Family members to read KJB daily.
955.	Lori S.	Son (Phil Gosline) has lymphoma
973.	Dee	Protection for Stephanie working as a nurse.
975.	Dee P.	Brother-in-law George stage 4 terminal lung cancer
976.	Dee P.	Our Christian men to grow as spiritual leaders in our homes, churches and communities.
977.	Regina	Comfort for John Rodius. Wife passed away.
979.	Colleen	Salvation of Darci Togensen's daughter Katey
984.	Lori	Candy's kidney stones.
988.	Matt C.	Lori Sylvia broke shoulder. Comfort & healing.
989.	Regina	Richard to let God be his all in all.
990.	Pastor	Regina fell at home alone.
991.	Pastor	Rylander family come back to GBC.
992.	Pastor	Roger Crowe healing from cancer of spine & bladder.
993.	Mark H.	Grand-daughter overcoming depression.
994.	Pastor	God's will on buying the Grange Hall
995.	Pastor	Get an access ramp built onto house
996.	Pastor	Find an affordable power wheelchair.

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When we want to approach Jesus Christ with a petition, we should use the example of this leper. We should come to Jesus worshiping Him first. We should recognize that He is God; the Creator of all things; the One who

knows everything and can do anything; The one who loves us, knows us, and only wants what is best for us. He is the only one worthy of our worship, and if we ask anything of Him, we should ask with the right attitude saying, "Lord, if thou wilt..."~

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received and perhaps will meet with them in the future. A Bulgarian man in his twenties stopped, eagerly wanting to talk to one of us. I went over to him and he asked if I had a Bulgarian Bible, to which I responded that I could procure one for him. He's been in Germany for three years and can speak fairly good German and claimed that he and his family were Christians. I asked him if he'd be interested in learning the Bible and he emphatically said, "Yes." The Bulgarian Bible is on its way and I hope to be able to hold a Bible study with him (and possibly his friend) in January. **Pray for Hristo and a Bible study to be started.**

I witnessed to my buddy Branko again and covered some good ground. It was a great conversation and ended with a tentative plan to start a Bible study in January. During our conversation, I asked Branko if he believed the Bible. He responded, "As a Catholic, I'm supposed to say, yes, but I really don't know." I told him that was a great answer—a truthful answer. I asked him if it would be worthwhile to find out if there were a reason to believe in the Bible. He nervously said, yes, and we tentatively planned to start a Bible study after he got back from Croatia in January. **Branko is not saved. Please pray that he would acquire faith in the word of God and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Brethren, thank you for your prayers to God on our behalf. December was eventful, but also hard on our bodies. We need the Lord's grace more than ever. Thank you for your faithfulness to pray and give as the Lord leads you. This is a great undertaking, and the longer we're here, the more I see that it's a worthwhile and needful work that the Lord has called us to. Lord bless you all in your spiritual walks with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Robert and Sherah Trump (Psa. 45:1)

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