



THE RAUCH REPORT



TO OUR SUPPORTERS:

We have been greatly encouraged in the past three months! We now have six supporting churches and two individual supporters! Praise God for His provision and leading. We have not had a lot of meetings, but the ones we have been given have gone very well, and word is getting out about our plans. God has been busy in other areas on our behalf as well. We had a few things that we were praying for. As you know, Airframe and power plant school begins in August. We had three big needs regarding this:

- That the GI bill would be able to pay for the classes
- We needed a camper both for John to live in, and for deputation travel
- We needed an affordable place to park this camper for the year that the course will cover

Praise God, all three of those prayers were answered! The GI bill covers the classes, that saves us almost \$35,000! This is no small thing to us, and we are incredibly grateful that He would allow this to work. We were also able to buy a 5th wheel camper that goes beyond what we expected. Mandy had a list of things that she was looking for and every item on the list was met, including price. We paid \$3,000 for a 35' bunkhouse camper. It does need some work, but we are happy to do it ourselves, so additional costs are kept to a minimum. The next issue we faced was finding somewhere near the school to park the camper. God has His people everywhere, and through a member of one of our supporting churches, we were put in contact with a Christian lady who has a spot for us to park that is only 10 minutes from the school, with FULL HOOKUPS! This is a huge blessing and a clear answer to prayer. I was simply hoping to find a place to park, thinking that we would need to run a generator for electricity. Sometimes God gives us what we ask for, sometimes He goes above what we ask for, and He certainly did so in this case. We do not have to pay a lot rent, just for our electric use, and she asked if I could mow the grass and give her a ride to church for evening, and Wednesday night services since she doesn't drive at night anymore. We feel incredibly blessed with this arrangement.

In the past month, we have received large love gifts, some are of entirely unknown origin. God knows who you are (secret givers) and we are humbled that you should think kindly enough of us to support us in this way. We just want to take a moment to thank those who have given, even without asking. We pray that God will bless you openly, even as you have given in secret. We are incredibly grateful and we desire to use everything given for God's glory. Please pray for God's leading in the use of the resources that He has provided.

As we move forward into the next few months, big changes are coming for our family. Classes at SMAT (School of Missionary Aviation Technology) will begin on August 27th. With the beginning of school comes the ending of a good job, and the beginning of trusting God to provide fully for us outside of traditional means. This also means that for the next year, as a family, we will be apart, more than we are together.

Mandy and I have been through this before during my military service. Back then we didn't have any children. One of the highlights of my day is coming home and spending time with them. This will be a difficult transition for me as a father, and for the rest of the family. We know that God will keep us, but we also know that this time of semi separation won't be easy.

We have been calling churches, some once, some repeatedly, in the hopes of being allowed to present the ministry and raise more support. The vast majority of these attempts result in not a whole lot. This is normal for most missionaries. We understand that this is a part of the deputation process. In the beginning, I sent out a lot of emails, and I do still send some emails to specific churches, but so far, there has been absolutely zero response from this method. Making phone calls, going to where pastors are, and meeting face to face has been effective, but these opportunities are fairly limited since pastors don't make typically make a habit of all gathering in one place to meet missionaries. The effort will continue, and we will not stop in our efforts. Please pray for us in this area. I am praying that God would provide for 20% of our needed support by the time classes are finished in August of 2027. This would be an incredible feat, but I know that God can do this for us.

Just a quick note and prayer request for our friends in Guatemala. Brother Adbel and sister Taylor Cabnal are making efforts to come to the US so they can raise support for their gospel printing ministry (Faith Steps Central America) So far these efforts haven't worked, but we know God has a plan. Pray that God would make a way for them. That they would be able to raise the support that they need. They are our sister ministry. We care deeply about them, and they are already faithfully working in Guatemala with what the Lord has provided so far.

Once again, we just want to thank all of you, as churches, and as individuals for your faithfulness in praying for us, and for your financial support. We are humbled that so many would believe in this ministry, and see the vision that God has placed in our hearts for Central America.

With love in Christ.

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