



Dear friends & family,

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This past weekend we made the difficult choice to leave our home. Recently in Michoacán, rival gangs from Jalisco and Michoacán have been warring against each other in the capital city of our state. Threatening video messages were posted to social media and acts of aggression have kept us and our neighbors indoors.

I remember the very moment we realized that our small town was no longer a safe place for our family. It all happened so quickly. It was Saturday morning that Tynan called me at the house and told me that he had seen the armed gangs in our town.

"Do you want to try to leave in the next thirty minutes?" I'd asked.

"Yes, let's leave as soon as we can. Our friends in San Luis Potosí said we could go there," Tynan replied.

In that instant I had a choice. I could have a moment of anxiety or accept the peace of God. John 14:27 says, "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful." Pulpit Commentary describes it this way: "So the peace Christ leaves is power to hold the wildest fear in pause." God gave me that peace and helped me navigate the logistics of packing up for a week, leaving the refrigerator cleaned out, and a hundred other things big and small.

As it happened, these events were simultaneous with a torrential thunderstorm that rolled through our town. We took advantage of that cover, hoping the roads weren't going to be blocked by rival gangs. By God's grace and providence, we made it safely to our destination. We are very thankful for our prayer warriors who lifted us up and felt the immediate need to pray for us this past weekend.

We have located housing in a good area with a safe environment for our family. With this move also comes a higher cost of living because we will be living near the city. Our vision continues to be of making disciples who make disciples, including using water filter access ministry in areas further south of SLP (San Luis Potosí). Thank you for your prayers and consideration of our emotional, financial, and logistical needs as we transition to San Luis Potosí, Mexico.



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