

November 24, 2015

Dear praying friends,

As you are preparing for Thanksgiving, let me take this opportunity to say that we Lokers are grateful for you! We appreciate your friendship, encouragement, love, prayers, and support. If you have a few moments over the long weekend, we would love to hear from you. I'm sure as much has been happening in your lives as in ours these past few weeks, and we would love your prayer requests, too.

Once again we find ourselves limited to mere words and photos to express an unforgettable week of distributing audio Bibles in Oaxaca. Last week I was forced to "relax" a couple of days with my leg elevated above my heart, and I took the time to write a few blog posts about our trip. One is fresh off the press, and will help you to pray for the Zapotec people we met. You can click and read [Whistling Their Names](#) and [Hissing for the Bees](#) for starters.

No one has time or desire to see *all* the photos, but I took the liberty of posting a few of the highlights on our other website, <https://loker.shutterfly.com/>. The first album you see is "Stowe Team in Atepec 2015," which you can view as a slide show. We are thankful for Christ Community Chapel in Stowe, Ohio, for sending this outstanding group of people to work with us, the fourth team from this particular supporting church. If you scroll down further on the same page, you can see photos from two other supporting churches who send short term teams regularly, too. Grace Christian and Missionary Alliance Church and Peter's Creek Baptist Church are both scheduled to go to Oaxaca in 2016.

Seldom have we experience such opposition to a trip, before, during, and after, but we trust that the results of those 100 families receiving audio Bibles will be well worth the sacrifice. Before the trip, Jim, Debbie, and I were delayed by two days due to a glitch with our Travelocity reservations. During the trip, Debbie was threatening to get one of her abdominal migraine attacks, which we postponed with double-duty drugs until we were back in Mitla from the village. After returning to Michigan, a mysterious bug bite on my leg became badly infected, requiring three separate doctor's visits. Just last week I was in the ER after coming way too close to choking to death. A bite of turkey with what felt like a bone or cartilage was lodged in my throat. (I am fine now, thankfully.)

With all that said, we really appreciate your ongoing prayers. Even though we are not on the mission field full time, I suspect that our work is not going unnoticed by the enemy. Regardless of whether these are normal occurrences, the testing of our faith, or outright demonic attacks, we need prayer to remain unshaken and on task. Our kids need prayer, too. Both Bekah (living at home going to Hope College) and Hannah (working in California) have been involved in recent accidents, both hit and run, which seems a bit coincidental.

Tomorrow the five of us (Jim, Bekah, Jonny, Debbie, and I) head over to Wisconsin for Thanksgiving with our oldest son, Chris, and his family. Saturday we plan to meet our son, Mike, with his family on our way back through Chicago. Please pray for whichever car we drive to run well for us. Our trusty Landcruiser with its 200,000 plus (mostly Mexican) miles is in the shop until a mechanic can look at it next week to find out why it won't start.

Again, thank you so much for remembering us in your prayers, and we pray each of you would have a joyous Thanksgiving!

Rejoicing with you *until all have heard*,

Jim and Jamie Loker