



# Nielsen Newsletter

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## A Minnesota Summer!

As you may have heard, our trip to Minnesota was extra extended this year. We had originally planned on being in Minnesota for the month of July; unfortunately Molly's mom passed away in early June. So we quickly made arrangements, and flew up a few weeks early for the funeral.

The time was bittersweet as we celebrated her life and legacy, laughed at the memories and mourned the loss of an incredible woman, wife, mother, and grandmother.

The rest of our time in Minnesota was a much needed time of encouragement and replenishment. We kept incredibly busy with BBQs, beaches, boating and all the other typical Midwest summer fun, all while catching

up with everyone. We have said it many times before, but the depth and richness of our friendships is a great source of joy and encouragement for our family. We miss all of you already.

During our time, we were



also able to share and meet with all our supporting churches. One weekend we took part in a Missions Fest at North Heights Lutheran Church, and the next weekend we had a spotlight at Woodland Hills.

Finally, because of the extended trip, we were also able to get a lot of other things done. Isaiah finished driver's ed., Isaiah and Keziah both had their tonsils removed, and there were many other doctor and dentist visits. The timing

and healing from all the visits and procedures truly demonstrated God's faithfulness and protection!



Our time did have to come to an end, and we have been back in Puebla since the end of July.

Very shortly after, we were all back to our old schedule for the most part. Molly and the kids took the last three weeks of summer to relax, hangout, and get ready for the school year, while Ryan got right back into ministry.

Four weeks ago, the kids all went back to school. Isaiah—10th, Josiah—8th, Keziah—6th, and Lydia—4th. They were all very excited to see all their friends, but it has also been a challenge to return to the early-rising and busy school schedule.

### Prayer Requests:

- Prayers as we continue construction on the Living Hope Community.
- Pray for consistency in our monthly pledges and support.
- Pray for our kids as they make the transition back into the busy school schedule

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## Construction Update

The stucco project on the dorm has been finished, and the building also has a fresh coat of paint. It was a very challenging project, as we were using the building while all the work was going on. So everyone is really grateful that it is finally finished! I have also finished a few other small maintenance projects on the visitor's building.

The busy group season has come to an end. The groups helped build a retaining wall and install a new underground rainwater gutter for the dorm, as well as helped out with some landscaping.

The fundraising for the next project, the School, is still in full swing. Benefit dinners this fall will help push us towards the funds needed to build. -Ryan



### Support Information:

#### Send checks to:

Living Hope International  
P.O. Box 116  
West Bend, WI 53095-0116  
\*with a note for "Ryan and Molly Nielsen"\*

#### Electronic Donations:

call:  
Living Hope at 651-315-2135  
or visit the Living Hope Web-  
site:

[www.lovehopemercy.org/ryan-and-molly-nielsen.html](http://www.lovehopemercy.org/ryan-and-molly-nielsen.html)

## Fundraiser Praise!

During our time in Minnesota, we hosted our Nielsen Family Fundraiser Dinner. It was an informal and fun evening this year with a delicious spaghetti dinner and ICE CREAM BAR!

We took time to very briefly share more about Living Hope International, how we serve the children of Mexico, and also the continued vision for the ministry, and our roles in those next steps.

Finally, we shared about our family and some of the changes we will be going through as our children get closer to finishing high school! As we look at the future, we feel the continued need for financial stability. The last couple of years, we have made some major sacrifices to pay off some debt that had been accrued during times of low support.

At the dinner, we presented the need to finish paying off our last remaining debt; Molly's school loan. We want to THANK YOU and Praise God, because through our dinner and other very generous gifts, we have been able to pay off a large portion of that last debt, and are humbled by your continued generosity and support! We only have about \$1400 left!

Thank you again for all your prayers and support as we continue to move forward in our ministry in Mexico.

