

Hi Jud and Elaine.

Here's something about us for if our name comes up Sunday during the prayer time. We've just spent about three months at the group translation center near Oaxaca City in the southern part of Mexico. Felix and I revised another ten chapters of Froylan's translation of Genesis, starting with Jacob's arrival back in Canaan with wives, children, and lots of livestock, and getting as far as Pharaoh's dreams and Joseph's proposal. It's pure fun for me to think with Felix about what Jacob's life was like and what Joseph's life was like and how to say it in Mazatec.

I also participated in some think-tank sort of meetings about the group's work in Mexico. When I got out of administration nine years ago I put that kind of thinking aside, but recently I was elected to the executive committee again and I'm back in it, interacting with the administration about their decision making. Any group this size (there are about 225 of us in the Mexico branch of the organization) is constantly evolving in response to circumstances, holding faithfully to the vision.

Judy's work is more difficult to give in detail. She spent a lot of time in her counseling ministry to our colleagues. Personal lives are also constantly evolving in response to circumstances, in terms of the personal commitments that each one makes. Judy helps people think clearly and see God's blessing in their personal lives.

Back in Tucson, Judy's work continues much the same, since we have quite a few colleagues living at this center. I'm working on desk stuff, finishing up editing Froylan's book of Mazatec texts with Spanish translation and extensive glossary. It's a book he made working with Judy many years ago and was never published. It's a valuable piece of work, so I'm working on final details. (It turns out there are lots of final details. I'll take a copy along when we come up there in November so you can see it.)

We're starting to plan our time in November. I'll be in touch again. Are there any missions committee meetings scheduled during November? What's currently being done in the church services to help the congregation be aware of their missionaries? We prize very much being part of what Madison Square is doing in the kingdom.

Keep thinking. In Jesus' presence. I will too.

Terry