

Hola hermanos,

Please pray for our van that was taken away from us by the Mexican Aduanas (border patrol)

Last week we had a visiting group here from Iowa. On Saturday Raul took them to the airport in El Paso. When he was returning to Juarez he was detained at the border on the Mexican side. He was told he could not cross into Mexico in a Vehicle registered in the US if there was no one in the vehicle from the US. Peggy went to the office where he was but they kept the van and said that I, the registered owner needed to return with the title and proof of ownership and all other relative papers to recover the van.

Yesterday Raul and I went to the office and were basically told there was no way for us to complete all the requirements for Raul to cross with the van and we could not have it back. Each person we talk to has a different story about what needs to be done but the last person we talked to admitted there was no way to recover the van.

The van is legally licensed and insured for use in Mexico. The insurance covers Mexican drivers. The van is in perfect condition and nothing else was being transported. We are looking for a lawyer to help us but it's not looking very promising.

This is a spiritual battle. Recently our son Eli has joined us in ministry. He is leading a new work with starting a youth group/Bible study in our area. He has also been attending the new church Raul and Lidia have worked at planting and has been using the van twice a week to take people to Wednesday night Bible Study and to church on Sunday. These are awesome things and I'm sure the devil isn't happy about them.

Please pray for the recovery of the van and of course for the ministries that need it.

Que Dios los bendiga,

Jim