

# The 5 Forsythes

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## 'He will take great delight in you!'

Please thank God...

*For a very gentle and smooth transition back to life in Mexico*

Please ask God...

*To guide us as we form new relationships with the leaders*

*To lead us in our conversations*

*To help us form a good balance of ministry outside & inside the home*

*Wow! We made it, we're home, settled, adapting to life as a family of five and so very thankful to God for the way He has taken care of it all! Your prayers are invaluable!*

Asking the children last night what they would like to share with you was interesting! We asked them what they'd like to thank you for, how they feel to be back in Mexico and if there's anything they'd like you to pray for. Here's what they had to say!..

We hope people can travel over here to see us!



Thank you for funding us to get us back here! Thank you to Betty, Clifford and Anne for teaching me in Sunday School and for John doing BG's!

I feel that it's been a big change. There's a lot of differences - weather changes, dramatic changes of amount of people, school - we finally got back to our proper school. I feel emotional as we're away from our family and friends, yet happy because I can see the ones I missed when we were away.

I feel glad and good and really thankful to the people who let us get home!



You guys are really lovely people and I thank you for all you've done for us and for keeping us safe, especially Brian - Thank you Brian for letting us live in your house!

For them to pray for the people who have no money and the people who are poor

When Anna comes to Mexico I will teach her Spanish

These two challenge us, amaze us, make us laugh and keep us on our toes! Our ministry may be in Mexico City, with the Mexican people, but first it's right here at home. We must always remember that. The three children bring great delight into our home. They are settled, content, happy and do so well with embracing each new situation, opportunity and relationship that comes their way. As I've thought about how to share with you this month, Matthew and Susie's absolute delight and joy in their new brother, has got me thinking...

**As we delight in God's goodness to us, that word 'delight' has been at the forefront of my mind!**



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Zephaniah 3:17 tells us, '**He will take great delight in you... He will rejoice over you with singing**'.

Since the day Noah was born, Matthew and Susie have celebrated him...every single day! They adore him and watch his every move. Not a thing he does goes unnoticed! We often write down the children's little comments in Noah's baby book, knowing we will so much enjoy looking back on this stage in years to come... (exhausting as it is!)

Some of their comments include:

"He's soooooo adorable" (Susie)

"Noah, you are hugely small" (Matthew)

"I love him so much - I want to squeeze him all day long" (Susie)

"Mum, come and look! He's all cosy and warm. I just want to stay with him forever" (Matthew)

"Mi amor, so bonito" (Susie)

"I think he gets the most cute baby award, the best smile award, the best eye-brow-moving-baby-in-the-world award, the squishiest nose award and the best brother award" (Matthew)

We've even got quotes saying:

"Mummy, look! He did a dribble!" (Susie)

"Ah! Noah yawned!" (Susie)

"Look, he knows how to hold his penguin!" (Matthew)

"He does the most adorable sneezes" (Susie)



Matthew and Susie delight in Noah! They rejoice as he grows and changes. They take the time to watch him, to see how he's learning and to verbalise how they feel about him - so much so, that it has truly made me stop and think...

**HE, our Father God, Creator of this world, Saviour and King, will take great delight in you, in me, in us, His children!**

What an incredible truth!

God loves us, wants to be with us forever, celebrates our successes and delights in seeing us 'grow'. He even rejoices in the tiny things, the 'yawns' and 'sneezes' - those little things that we may not even recognise as anything important.

It's something that is hard to really grasp. Why would God delight in us? We tend to be so hard on ourselves, compare ourselves to others and so often feel inadequate for the tasks before us. Yet, it's an astounding truth to be grasped, that our Father God will delight in us - and rejoice over us with singing!

As that truth continues to impact us, we pray it will impact you too. As you go about the everyday things, as you speak and share with others, as you seek to use the gifts that He has blessed you with, as you raise children, as you make choices, as you put Him first and succeed in what you set out to do - (or not!)

**He will delight in you!**

In the February prayer letter we shared with you a partnership that has been formed between OMS and another mission organisation, Christian Missionary Fellowship, who also serve here in Mexico. Kay is our new field director and Steve is her husband. Together Kay and Steve have served in Mexico for over 20 years. We're enjoying getting to know them and the CMF team more. We've felt very cared for, supported and guided in these weeks of transition. CMF are involved in planting churches here in Mexico. We feel privileged to be taking on the role of caring for the Mexican leaders. It's exciting to be developing a relationship with the churches and the leaders, as well as their families. Along with God, we are rejoicing and delighting as He reveals His plan.

So, what's happening through the new OMS UK / CMFi partnership in Mexico? We feel privileged to already have been part of so much:



*Thank you for your ongoing prayers! Jonny, Gemma, Matthew, Susie and Noah!*