

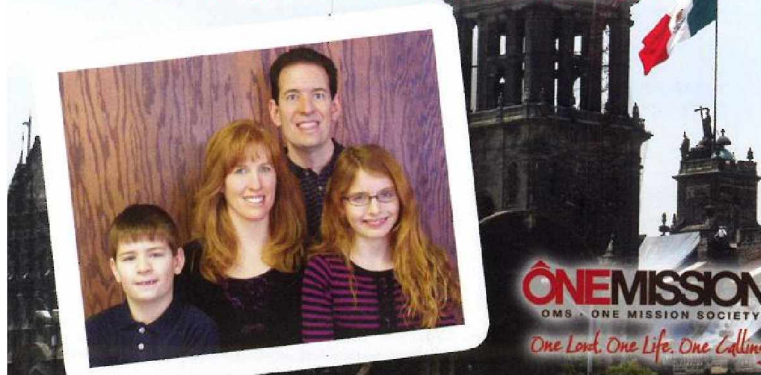


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Please pray for the **Lakatos family**
Serving the Lord in **Mexico**



NICK AND LISA LAKATOS

Candidates with OMS International to Mexico

Nick and Lisa Lakatos began their relationship with OMS as short term missionaries to Japan from 1992-1994. While in Japan they taught English classes at two churches as a part of their evangelistic outreach. During that time, Nick also used his musical talents by giving several marimba concerts. In Japan, they sensed their call to full-time ministry and a growing passion for world missions. After their term in Japan ended, both Nick and Lisa attended Asbury Theological Seminary. Shortly after beginning seminary classes, Nick felt the Lord leading him to change his major to an M. Div. The day after making that decision, he was approached about becoming a part-time pastor. For three years, while attending seminary, Nick and Lisa traveled to eastern Kentucky to serve at Canyon Falls E.C. Church. It was there they gained not only experience, but a heart for pastoring. In 1998, the Lakatoses moved to their home state of Pennsylvania, where Nick served first as an associate pastor with focuses on prayer and small groups, and later music and worship. Lisa assisted in children's education ministry, and wrote lessons for a children's mid-week program called Faith Files. Since 2001, Nick has been pastor at Ebenezer E.C. Church in Jim Thorpe, PA, helping to establish several community outreaches, including a food pantry. He has also been a part of the associate staff for the OMS Northeast Region. While in Jim Thorpe, Lisa helped to establish a mothers' support group, world cultures club for children and regularly leads women's retreats. The entire Lakatos family has been greatly blessed in partnering with the members of this church to reach out to the lost, hurting and needy. Not long after moving to Jim Thorpe, the Lakatos' daughter Hannah, then four years old, began to pray faithfully for Mexico. Her reason? "Because God is telling my heart I'm going to live there someday. . ." When OMS Northeast Regional Director Bruce Hess asked Nick if he would like to take his family on a missions trip, Nick suggested Mexico since it may be in his daughter's future. It would be good to expose her to the culture. The trip was arranged and the Lakatos family went along with five other members of their church. While there the group helped with clean-up at a construction site. At the same time, Nick led a worship seminar, percussion clinic and gave a marimba concert. By the end of the week, not just Hannah, but her parents and her brother Samuel began to feel that Mexico may be in their future. Upon returning home, their family began to seek the Lord about

ministering in Mexico. Nick returned to Mexico City for two weeks in 2006 to teach a course on Worship, where he gained a greater passion for training national pastors and a strong conviction that the Lord was leading the family there. As Nick once said, "Sometimes when you look at the road you're on, all you notice are the ups and downs, the curves and the bumps; but when you look back, you see a paved highway." For Nick, with a passion for missions, a love for worship and music, and a pastoral heart and experience, that highway seems to be heading straight to Mexico. His family couldn't agree more. Nick has a BA and a MMusic in Percussion performance. He also has an M.Div. from Asbury Theological Seminary. Lisa has a B.A. in Social Work. Her M.A. in Christian Education is also from Asbury Theological Seminary. Their daughter Hannah was born in 1997, and their son Samuel in 2000.