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Home in Time for Christmas?

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As I write this, I'm praying for a missionary to be miraculously released from jail. Steve Frey, a Canadian arrested in Mexico on August 20th, has worked for years as a medical missionary to the Huasteca Indians in the Valles area of Mexico, bringing in doctors, nurses and medicine to the impoverished population of 100,000.

Working with Cornerstone International, a Texas-based mission, Steve has generally found it best to take back roads when visiting the people who have come to love him. His plan was to avoid paying duty and bribes through the official Mexican channels. It all seemed to work well until he was stopped for transporting cough and cold medications and jailed in Reynosa, Mexico.

Nothing stronger than cough syrup and decongestants were in his possession, but Steve faced trial for federal charges of drug trafficking. Mexican authorities told me it will take until at least January before a decision of either "innocent" or "guilty" is declared. A brave, but emotional Steve called us from the Reynosa prison as his son James appeared on our *Listen Up* set and, together, we taped a program about missions in danger.

Steve is not the only missionary who won't be home for Christmas this year, nor is his the only family willing to suffer for the sake of helping the poorest of the poor. Please pray for the Frey family this Christmas. To obtain information on his latest status and how you can write on his behalf to the authorities in charge of this unjust situation, contact *Listen Up* at: www.listenuptv.com &



Steve Frey (centre) with his daughter and son.