



Roy & Edi Seals September 2025 Newsletter

Seven Countries in Twelve Days
Sixty Years Ago

Dear Friends,

Sixty years ago in August of 1965, the Odis and Betty Seals family left on a road trip that was the beginning of their field ministry in missions.

My dad, Odis Seals, graduated from Tennessee Temple Bible School on Friday, August 13, 1965. That afternoon, we piled into a 1961 Chevrolet Station Wagon and departed from Chattanooga, Tennessee, headed to the Texas–Mexico border. We stopped briefly in Marshall, Texas, to say goodbye to my parents' relatives and continued the trip to the southern border.

The twelve-day trip took us from the USA to the northern border of Mexico to the southern border with Guatemala. We continued driving through El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and finally into Costa Rica.



My school picture of
September 1965.

Little did I know back then that
my immersion into Spanish
would be an essential part of
my missionary ministry sixty
years later.

We drove through large cities, small villages, and miles and miles of open territory that changed from agricultural fields to ranch land in the blink of an eye. On that trip, I saw mountains, valleys, deserts, rivers, lakes, and the ocean.