



# the Gibsons

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As we leave behind the busy summer months, we praise the Lord we were able to distribute all the VBS materials for this year. We cannot help but think about why each year we order more and more VBS materials. Then we realize that it is like



when David went to fight against the giant Goliath. He said, "Is there not a cause?" Yes, there is a huge "cause" and that is why we continue to extend ourselves to do more each year. There are souls that need to recognize the Almighty God as Lord and Saviour of their lives. Because we know that the Word of God is powerful, we can claim and depend on the promise that His Word "shall not return void but it shall accomplish that which I [the Lord God] please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereunto I [the Lord God] sent it."

We are so excited about the good reports we have received about the VBSes from pastors and missionaries alike. Even with all the problems and violence in Mexico, many attended the VBS classes. It is like someone told us recently, "With all the violence and problems



today, we need God more than ever." Please **pray** for those that attended the VBSes this past summer.



We are already praying for available funds for VBS next year. This is always a major expense, but we know it is worth every penny that is spent. In reality, it really is an investment in the lives of people for eternity. We may never know just how the Lord is using His Word in lives, but we can be sure that His Word will accomplish His work in the hearts and lives of people.

Many times upon leaving the chapel at the Federal Detention Center, one is just not quite sure how the Lord used the preaching of His Word that day. But, every now and then we are able to get a glimpse of what God has been doing. We recently received a letter from one of the inmates. He wrote:

"Thank you for sharing God's Word with us in the chapel. The preaching of the Word was beautiful. I am also so thankful for the Bible you gave me and for the opportunity to study the Bible correspondence courses. May God bless."

In August, there were 73 that attended the chapel services. It was so exciting that we could get Bibles into the hands of forty men that did not have one.

A few days ago we were discussing the need to again encourage people to fix up zip loc bags of things for Christmas for the boys and girls in Mexico. The next day, we received a phone call from a church telling us that they are going to make up bags for Christmas for the kids in Mexico. Then a few days later, we received a box with bags for girls for Christmas. These two instances were such an encouragement to us and we want to also encourage others to make up zip loc bags for distribution at Christmas time. Some ideas for the bags would be a toothbrush, toothpaste, a bar of soap, a pencil or pen (hygiene items), a small spiral notebook, crayons, a package of gum, small stuffed animals, a small toy for boys (maybe a matchbox car) and a necklace, fingernail polish, a hair clasp or something a girl might like. We will be adding Spanish tracts and Scripture portions to each bag. These bags need to be sent to us at 2405 Sunset Blvd., Mission, TX 78574. We will need to receive them by December 1.

Thank you so very much for your faithfulness in praying and supporting this ministry. We count each one of you as co-laborers in this ministry. We do pray for you that God will continue to bless and use each of you for His glory.

Serving together with you for His glory,

### Praise

- \* For the distribution of this year's VBS materials.
- \* For His working in hearts and lives of those attending the VBSes.
- \* For the encouraging letter from an inmate at the Federal Detention Center.
- \* For those willing to make up bags for Christmas for the kids in Mexico.

### Pray

- \* That the Lord would continue to work in the lives of those that attend the VBSes this summer
- \* For available funds for VBS materials for next summer.
- \* That the Lord will continue to touch lives at the Federal Detention Center and through the chapel services and the Bible

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"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry..." (Ephesians 4:11)

Duane & Marilyn