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"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword... Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?"
Hebrews 4:12 & Jeremiah 23:29

As we think of the over sixty million children in Mexico (under the age of 18 years old), we are overwhelmed at how great the responsibility is that the Lord has given us to get the message of salvation to this select group of individuals. Now with all the drug violence in Mexico, we feel an extra burden to reach these young ones for the Lord. A few months ago the Zetas (the drug group that intimidates by kidnapping, beheading, extortion, shooting and whatever other kind of violence they can think of) posted a sign on an overhead walkway. It read: "THE ZETAS" want you. Military or Ex-Military. We offer you a good salary, food and attention for your family. You will no longer suffer mistreatment and hunger. We won't feed you Ramen Noodles. Stop waiting to call. Interested parties call: XXX-XXX-XXXX." Just recently we were told they are not only looking for military or ex-military, but specifically seeking for young people between the ages of thirteen and eighteen years of age and promising to pay them \$300.00 a week to work for them. If we do not do all we can now to reach this younger generation for Eternity, we may never have the opportunity to do it later. The only Hope for this situation is the Lord Jesus Christ. Only He can change lives and give peace.

We have also learned that because of gang violence in different areas of cities around Mexico, weekly Bible clubs have been disbanded because parents will not let their kids attend the classes. This includes the Bible club that Angelita (Julio's mom) was having in a colonia where her daughter lives. Please **pray** for the safety of the people.

In spite of the unstable situation in Mexico, we felt the Lord wanted us to go ahead and order (by faith) VBS materials for

63,000 children for this summer (this is three grade levels of 21,000 each). In addition to the student books, we have ordered two thousand teacher's books. The materials cost twenty-four cents per student plus shipping and handling. In other years we have paid UPS several thousand dollars for shipping. Another item of concern is: the safe arrival of these materials to the different churches. Many are afraid to travel since random checkpoints are set up on many highways by drug groups to harass people and they do not feel safe. Also, some pastors have had their lives threatened if they do not pay 'protection money' to the Zetas. **Pray** the Lord will give wisdom concerning all this. Also, **pray** for each opportunity we have to encourage the pastors as they train the VBS teachers that will be teaching the lessons.

We recently received a shipment of seventeen boxes of Sunday School materials. How we praise the Lord for the four hundred twenty-one teacher's books we received. Last month we had so many pastors and missionaries coming by for materials that our inventory became quite depleted. We praise

the Lord for making it possible to have these available for distribution. **Pray** that the Lord will use each lesson to touch lives for Eternity.

Pray for Julio as we are working with him in planning and preparing for a pastor's conference April 7-9. Over thirty pastors will be attending. May the Lord use each session of teaching to encourage these pastors to continue, standing strong in the strength of the Lord. **Pray**, too, for their safety as the travel to and from the conference.

We are so very thankful for each of you, your prayers, and for the financial help that the Lord provides so that the ministry can continue to go forth. You are such a blessing! We do pray for you that God will continue to bless and use each of you for His glory.

In His Service,

Duane and Marilyn

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

Praise

- * For the opportunity to share God's Word and encourage pastors.
- * For the 17 boxes of Sunday School materials (421 teacher's books) that arrived.
- * For the lessons the Lord has provided so we can have them available for distribution.

Pray

- * For the safety of the people of Mexico.
- * For wisdom in distributing VBS materials and for the safe arrival of materials to the churches.
- * That the Lord will use each Sunday School lesson for Eternity.
- * For the pastor's conference Julio is planning for April and safe travels for each pastor attending.