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As we begin this new year, we were hoping to slow down a little. But that just seems to be 'wishful thinking.' We do thank the Lord for a wonderful Holiday Season He gave us and for the many cards and letters that we received. What an encouragement they were! Of course, it is always good to 'catch up' with those that we had not heard from since last year.

Our year started out with a 'full-house.' We were blessed to have Victor and Carmen Ramos and their boys here for a week over Christmas. They were a great help in getting literature ready for distribution. They live and work in Cd. Victoria and are very active in their local church. Also, we were blessed to have Guadalupe and Ramirez and his family from Monterrey with us for several days. There were also quite a few others that came to get literature to take back to their respective areas for distribution. Because it is very dangerous to travel in Mexico after dark, many of the families spent the night, leaving early the next morning to return home. We praise the Lord for those that do come as there is always a risk to traveling at any time in Mexico. Please pray for their safety and a hedge of protection. We are thankful for their desire to obtain materials for the furtherance of their ministries in Mexico. Pray for the brethren in Mexico as they live with danger every day.



We praise the Lord for Jon and Bert (Roberta) Schweitzer and Leon and Candace Schweitzer that came from NE this month and blessed us abundantly by helping with many projects for the ministry. We are so thankful for their willing hearts and hands to serve in whatever way they could. When Jon found out what needed to be done, his comment was, "I'm a big boy. You do what you need to do and we will take care of these things." This was such an encouragement as we were able to get a lot of office work done while they dedicated themselves to the projects at hand. Thank you, Schweitzers, for all your great help. God bless you.

The beginning of this month we were able to order our VBS materials for the 2012 VBSes. The Lord led us to order materials this year for 64,000 children and for 2,000 teacher's books. The subject this year is 'Fishing in the Bible.' We look forward to how the Lord is going to use this material in the lives of those that will be attending the classes this summer. Please pray, even now, for the teachers as they will be preparing their lessons and a preparation

of heart for those that will be attending these classes. Also, please pray for the necessary funds needed to obtain this material.

We thank the Lord for those that continue to study God's Word through the Bible correspondence courses. One 48 year old man wrote:

"Through the lessons I have learned that in every circumstance that I find myself in, I need to put the Lord first. Then, He will fulfill His Word as it says in Matthew 6:33 'But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things will be added unto you.' I have put all my faith in God and I believe what He says in His Word with all my heart."

This next month we are planning a retreat for Christian workers. Please pray that the Lord will use His Word as we teach the lessons. Also, pray that the Lord will lead us as we prepare our lessons to help and encourage these dear brethren in their marriages.

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 in 2012 for His glory.

Serving together with you for His glory,

Duane & Marilyn

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

## Praise

- \* For the brethren that came during the Holidays to get materials for distribution.
- \* For the couples from NE that came to help with the ministry—and for all their great help.
- \* For being able to order the VBS materials for 2012.
- \* For the encouraging letters we receive from the many correspondence students.

## Pray

- \* For the safety of the brethren that travel to the border for materials.
- \* For the safety and a hedge of protection for the brethren in the face of danger in Mexico.
- \* For preparation of heart for teachers and students alike in upcoming VBSes.
- \* For the correspondence students studying with us.
- \* For the upcoming retreat.