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As we began this month of March, our hearts have been overwhelmed with the apathy, complacency, and complete rejection of God's Word that we have seen in people. Because the Word of God has had such a part in our lives for so many years, we realize that the great need of getting God's Word into the hands of the people. We have seen that as we have contact with so many, that there is a growing resistance to the Word of God and in others there is a real thirst for the Word. In Romans 10:17 we read that God's Word is essential for one to receive faith for salvation. In Acts 20:32 we see that God's Word is necessary for growth in the life of the believer. Through our Bible study, we are challenged to daily get the Word out, and to encourage others to do likewise.

At the Federal Detention Center this month, we were able to share God's Word with men from Latin America and two men from the West Indies. The latter two had a real desire to learn more of the Word. Only the Lord can change lives and plant that faith in their hearts as they hear God's Word and respond to it. We know that what these men heard 'will not return void.' but will accomplish His purposes. How we praise the Lord for His promises!

Last month as we shared about the need to get this summer's VBS materials, we also mentioned about the huge amount of shipping costs involved in sending us these valuable materials. The Lord has intervened for us in a tremendous way. Some time back a friend that hauls Christian literature in the US and Mexico had mentioned to Duane that he was willing to help us however he could. He also mentioned that he would be going to CA to take a Spanish literature to some Hispanic churches. Remembering this conversation, Duane called our friend, Trinidad Garza, and asked when he would be going to CA. It was amazing to find out that Trinidad was already on his way to Los Angeles and would be returning to TX empty. Knowing our need and that it would be over one thousand extra miles of driving, he said he was glad to do this. So, on March 3, Trinidad was able to go by and pick up the materials that were ready for shipment. Since not all the literature was ready, we just accepted that the rest would have to come UPS. But, the Lord had other plans.

Later the same day, after Trinidad picked up the materials in CA, we received a phone call from some friends in NE, John and Bert Schweitzer. They had read in our newsletter about the exorbitant cost for shipping literature and told us they would be willing to go to CA and pick up the rest of the material. What a blessing! Realizing that with the rising gas prices, all future shipments were going to be going up. So, by faith, we ordered twenty extra boxes of Sunday School literature for them to bring back too. The Lord is so good! He does provide each and every need!

One thing we have learned over the years is that when the Lord does something, he does it complete.

One of the big concerns about receiving the VBS materials was where we were going to put two hundred boxes. The beginning of the month some friends from NE came by to see us. As we shared with them what the Lord is doing through the ministry, they asked where we would be putting

the literature when it came. Duane explained that that was a real concern. Before leaving, they told us they wanted to purchase a big storage shed for us. Oh, how wonderful our Lord is! The next week the shed was delivered and when the first load of VBS materials arrived, we were able to unload it right into the new shed. Thank you Lord for Your provision.

Right after the last load of materials was picked up, we talked to those at the press in CA. They were so concerned about the rising costs of shipping materials. They informed us that shipping costs had gone up to approximately one dollar per pound. Since we were receiving approximately two hundred boxes, and each box is about thirty pounds, the Lord would have had to provide approximately \$6,000.00 for transportation. Instead, the Lord used some of His faithful servants and their time and resources to be involved to help this ministry to provide 63,000 children's lesson booklets and 2,000 teacher's books to reach Mexico with the Gospel. The five stories this year are from the New Testament on "Listening to Jesus." Please **pray** for each VBS.

Since then, we also talked to the pastor of the church in MS that prints Spanish tracts for us. This church usually brings us one million free tracts at a time. He informed us that the price of paper for printing tracts had just gone up. What had cost \$2,400.00 to print a million tracts, now jumped up to \$3,400.00. When we stopped to think about this, we realized that this did not even include the cost of ink, electricity and air conditioning for the presses, transportation to bring them to us besides other costs. Please **pray** for the funds needed to print these valuable resource materials that are such a help in getting out the Gospel.

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.

Laboring together for souls,

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

Duane and Marilyn



The first load of VBS material



New 10'x20' shed