



the Gibsons

P. O. Box 2136, Mission, TX 78573-2136
Phone: (956) 585-1292, E-Mail: gibson.iehi@att.net; www.iehministries.org

May, 2011

We are so thankful for the eighty inmates from ten Spanish-speaking countries that came to hear God's Word preached at the services with Dave Shewfelt, Russ Chapman and Duane in the chapel at the Federal Detention Center on May 18. Every third Wednesday of the month we are allotted two hours to share God's Word with those that come. Please **pray for this monthly ministry**. **Pray** that the Lord will use His Word in the lives of these men and that the Word will not return void. We praise the Lord for the rest of that verse in Isaiah 55:11, because it tell us that *"it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."* So, it is not just a matter of the Lord touching the lives of these inmates as they hear the Word preached, but the Lord will use it to do a great work in their lives. Thank you, Lord, for Your promises that we can claim. The men are thankful for the opportunity to study the Bible correspondence courses and also enroll their families back home to study by mail.

We had asked you to pray for the pastor's conference that Pastor Julio was having the first weekend in April. The Lord used the conference in a tremendous way! There were eighteen pastors that attended from Northeast Mexico. They were so



thankful for the messages that challenged their lives, and also for the resource materials that were able to take home and use to encourage them in their Christian lives and to help them to be better pastors. They were all so excited about the conference and are ready for another one next year. **Pray** that the Lord will continue to use the message of His Word in each life. (The pictures show the pastors that attended the different services).



The week of June 20, we will be involved in another pastor's retreat.

Four pastors and their wives will be attending this three-day retreat. It is a time for them to come aside from the ministry, and be refreshed in their personal lives first, and then challenged in the ministry. This is so needed at this time because so many of them are under so much stress because of the violence. **Pray** for the pastor's, their wives and families. **Pray** for us (the teachers) as we prepare our lessons.

Recently a pastor wrote that a Monterrey newspaper stated that over one hundred pastors had been abducted and held for ransom in the last months. Even the churches in Reynosa have been told that they will need to pay "protection fees" (bribes) so the Zetas will not bother them. Things are not good and need the daily prayers of God's people. We need to uphold them in prayer as Aaron and Hur held up Moses' hands so victory could be won (Exodus 17: 11-12).

The VBS materials are being distributed. Many pastors have been coming for these valuable materials. When pastors do not have papers to come get what they want for their VBSes, other pastors have made themselves available to take these materials to them. We have already distributed materials to over one hundred churches and missions--with some even being sent to Ecuador, South America. **Pray** that the Holy Spirit will use the Word of God to touch the lives of those attending each VBS.

Pray for the safety of the pastors that do come for materials. Last week, Pastor Guadalupe, from Monterrey was coming for materials and was caught in the middle of gun crossfire at the Mexico/US international bridge where he was going to cross. Fortunately, he was able to escape and his vehicle was not damaged. There were many wounded and/or killed in this battle. (The bridge was then closed for several hours). So, as you can see, it is very important to **pray** for the safety of the pastors as they travel so that the work of the Lord can continue.

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.

Serving with you for souls,

Praise

- * For the promises in the Word that we can claim.
- * For the pastors that attended the pastors conference at Julio's.
- * For all the VBS materials being distributed.

Pray

- * For the monthly ministry at the Detention Center.
- * For the inmates/guards that hear the Word preached.
- * For the pastors and their wives attending the retreat.
- * For safety for pastors, their families, and for traveling.
- * For the pastors and teachers as they prepare the lessons for the VBSes.
- * For lives to be reached for eternity in the VBSes.

International Evangel Heralds, Inc. P. O. Box 2136, Mission, TX 78573-2136
"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry..." (Ephesians 4:11)

Duane & Marilyn