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“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. II Timothy 2:15

Dear Friends,

This new year has started out full of God’s rich blessings. We have been so blessed through many of the Nationals from Mexico and then through one of our correspondence students. One day recently, Bro. Suarez from Monterrey, Mexico, came and handed Duane \$120.00. Duane asked what it was for and Bro. Suarez explained that the people of his church collected the money to thank us for the VBS materials we had given them. He then proceeded to explain that they were so excited because they had taken extra materials last summer so they could hold some VBS classes in some new areas of the city. They wanted to see if there would be enough interest in the VBS classes to warrant beginning new missions in these colonias. The response of the people was so great that now they have new missions in all three of these new areas of the city. What a wonderful blessings!! **Pray**, with us, for these new works. We praise the Lord that there are many other pastors, too, that have started new missions in unevangelized areas of their cities. Truly, Christian literature is vital in church planting.

Recently, Duane received a letter from a lady in Cuba that has been studying the Bible correspondence courses. She was so excited because she had been given several books of the Bible and now she could read God’s Word for herself. (Because of the scarcity of Bibles in Cuba, the Christians will take a Bible and divide it up so different ones can have several portions of the Scripture to read. Then, after they have read those portions of the Bible, they will pass it along to another Christian and in turn, will be given other portions of Scripture. They do this until they can eventually have the opportunity to read much of the Bible). Duane found out in what city this woman lived and was able to give her the name of a church in her city. What is so exciting is that a friend of ours will soon be visiting that church on his trip to Cuba. So, Duane was able to tell her he would send a Bible to her via our friend so she can have her own copy of the Word of God. We have so much to be thankful for and we take so much for granted! **Pray** for this lady and all those studying the correspondence courses in Latin America. The Bible and Christian discipleship study materials are so essential for Christian growth.

January always marks the date we need to order our VBS materials for the upcoming summer activities. The first week of the month the Lord made it possible for us to place our order for 80,000 children’s books along with 2,000 teacher’s manuals. We are always excited about how the Lord leads and provides for these materials. So, the end of January, praise the Lord, we were able to send the last check to the organization to pay for all of it. Not only has the Lord provided for the VBS materials but also for the additional Sunday School materials we were able to add to the order. The Lord is so good! We cannot thank Him enough for the way He blesses and provides for these valuable materials. Please **pray** for those that are diligently working to get these materials printed and ready for Trinidad Garza from San Antonio, TX to pick up on March 14. Also, pray for Trinidad’s safety as he travels many miles to and from Ahwahnee, CA to bring us this literature. He will be bringing us approximately four tons of material. **Pray** for us as we distribute these valuable materials—that they will get into the hands of those that will prayerfully use them.

Please be in prayer for the upcoming marriage/pastor’s retreats we will be having in the coming months. As these have been held, we have seen the Lord do great things in the lives of the pastors and their wives that have been in attendance. We never know what someone is going through, so it is so important to challenge them with the teaching of God’s Word and let the Lord work out His purposes in each life. **Pray** that God will bring those that need to attend the retreats and also that the Lord will challenge and work in each one as they return to their respective churches..

Thank you so very much for your faithfulness in praying and supporting this ministry. We count each one of you as co-laborers in what God has called us to do. May God continue to bless and use each of you for His glory in 2016.

Serving together with you for His grace and glory,

Duane and Marilyn

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