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One of our big concerns over the past years is the area of discipleship and training of leaders in the local churches. This is so important for the growth of the individual Christians in the church and for the growth of the church also.

In the last seven months, we have been reminded again and again of this great need! In August, the Lord took Pastor Molina Home to be with Him. Now this month, the Lord saw fit to take another of our friends and co-workers to Glory—Pastor Oberlin Aguirre. We are so thankful for the leaders the Lord has prepared to step forward and carry on the works that have been started.

At Calvary Baptist Church in Reynosa, Brother Sergio Gallardo, has 'taken the baton' and has answered the call to be pastor. He and his wife have been faithful members of this small church for several years. He worked alongside of Pastor Molina and now is faithfully preaching God's Word. Brother Sergio has a full-time job, but is so dedicated to serving our dear Lord. **Pray** for Bro. Sergio and his family as they lead this small congregation.

On March 5, our hearts were saddened by the passing of our dear friend and co-worker, Pastor Oberlin Aguirre. He spent almost 2 weeks in the hospital, and the majority of the time he was in a coma. Please **pray** for his wife, Ortencia (Tencha), as she faces the challenges of the days ahead.

We are so thankful for Fidel Grande, Pastor Oberlin's son-in-law. He has stepped up to meet the need of Oberlin's church—Christ the Answer Baptist Church. Before Fidel and his wife were married, Fidel, while attending a small Bible school in the area, spent his weekends ministering under the leadership of Pastor Oberlin. Please **pray** for Fidel and his wife as they undertake the responsibility of this little church besides the church they are starting in the area of Ciudad Victoria where they live and also the ministry of Emmanuel Baptist Church in El Sauz.



Pastor Oberlin and Tencha

We want to praise and thank the Lord for the great marriage retreat in which we were able to participate during the first weekend of March. We had four young couples that attended and all were very teachable and open to the challenges of the Word that were taught. This was the youngest group that has attended our marriage retreats. **Pray** for these four couples as they go about their respective responsibilities that God will use them to share what they have learned at the retreat.

Please **pray** for our upcoming marriage retreat that will be held April 13-15. We are praying the Lord sends those couples that He desires would attend. As we hold these retreats, our prayer is that God will challenge the couples in their personal lives, their marriages and as they deal with those in which they come in contact, that they will be faithful to share the truths of God's Word to encourage, help and challenge their lives too.



In our last newsletter we shared that because of the mail system in Cuba and students not receiving their lessons, we had sent lessons to some of our students via our friend, Trinidad Garza to distribute. He sent us this picture of some of the students which received some of the lessons he took. The older women in the middle will be working to distribute the other lessons to the other students. The Lord is so good!!

Thank you so very much for your faithfulness in praying and supporting this ministry. We count each 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 2018.

Serving together with you for His grace and glory,

Duane and Marilyn