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Through the years we have used, time and time again, verses like Proverbs 30:5, “*Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.*” or Jeremiah 15:16, “*Thy words were found, and I did eat them and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts.*” The Lord Jesus Himself taught us that there is power and confidence in the Word as He was confronted by Satan himself and tempted (Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 41-13). Daily as we are confronted with our own trials, etc. we find comfort, help, and encouragement as we trust in His Word, letting the Shield of the Word be the joy and rejoicing of our hearts.

This last month we have heard the testimonies of many pastors. We have been impressed with their desire to use God’s Word to do the work of God. Many pastors have come for VBS and other resources and are also requesting additional amounts of materials in order to be able to start new missions where God’s Word has not been taught. They have taken these resources with the plan to start with five days of VBS classes in the daytime and the preaching of the Word every evening. Nowadays, it can be a dangerous thing to go inviting children and adults alike for services. So, we are thankful for those who are trusting God and His Word to break down the barriers of fear, uncertainty, and distrust so that the Word of God can minister to the needs of those that do not know Him. It is always a joy to open the Word of God and encourage pastors and their wives to apply it in their lives and take it to others. (II Timothy 2:2)

Weekly, we receive letters of encouragement from pastors and Bible correspondence students. We know that the time spent in handing out literature and correcting the lessons the correspondence students send to us is worth it all!! Please **pray** for the pastors and the others with whom the Lord gives us contact that we can continue to be a blessings and help to them.

We receive a letter from Pastor Pedro Garcia from Veracruz, Mexico. He wrote:

Through this letter we want to thank you, greatly for the ministry the Lord has committed to your hands.

Also, we are so thankful for your persistence in encouraging us to ‘get out the Word’ to reach souls for His Kingdom so they, too, can be fed spiritually through it. We have been so blessed through the Bibles you have supplied for us. The Lord has opened doors for us to go two hours away to be able to reach a small remote village with the Word. “*For the Lord is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.*” Hebrews 6:10

Nahum Garcia, a pastor laboring just across the border in Mexico, also wrote:

We are so very grateful to God and to you for your supplying the illustrated VBS materials for our church. The Lord used it in a great way, not only in our lives but in the lives of the children too. This last year was our first year to use these materials and God blessed with some decisions of salvation and others to dedicate their lives to the Lord. May the Lord give us wisdom as we work with these children and young people and our prayer is that it will be possible to win their parents for Christ also.

Walter Alexander Vallecillo, a Bible correspondent student from Honduras, Central America, wrote:

I want to thank you so much for the books you have sent so I can learn more about my Heavenly Father. The lessons you have sent have helped me understand more of the Word of God and that which He teaches those of us that were going the wrong way. Through the studies, I got new direction for my life so I can now follow the right path.

Please continue to **pray** for the monthly ministry at the Federal Detention Center. We have a great opportunity to share the Gospel with men from almost every Latin American country. Many of these men are really hungry for God’s Truth and have not heard His message before. We make sure that each individual that attends the services receives a New Testament and Bible study booklet so they can study God’s Word. We praise the Lord for those that desire to continue studying the Bible and enroll in the Bible correspondence school.

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