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We are so excited about all the pastors that have been coming for VBS materials. What an encouragement when they tell of opportunities the Lord has given them to start new works! They also have shared with us how they are requesting extra materials this year so they can hold VBS classes in the new areas where they are ministering. We praise the Lord for those that have a vision to reach out, not only to their "Jerusalem", but also other areas where there is not a Gospel-preaching influence. Please **pray** for these pastors as they lead their 'flocks' in reaching out to those that need Christ and the message of salvation. Also, **pray** for those that will be teaching classes during the upcoming VBSes. It is so important that these teachers are not only familiar with the material they teach, but that they have prepared their hearts spiritually to impart God's Word in a practical way to all their students. (Ezra 7:10 "For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.") The need is great!! **Pray** that the Lord will give us wisdom and the words to share as we encourage them.

A week ago three pastors from Monterrey, Mexico were coming to get VBS materials when they were caught in a crossfire at a stop light in Reynosa, Mexico. As they contemplated what to do, they saw people falling to the ground all around them. Fortunately, the Lord protected them with a semi-trailer to their right, so when the light changed, they were able to drive away without any harm to them or their vehicle. Please **pray** for the safety of God's people that are living daily with the uncertainty of things around them. Pastor Julio, from Reynosa, says that their daily prayer is that they will not be caught in any crossfires as they go about their daily lives. Julio has even had drug cartel members hiding under a huge tree that is in their front yard. They hide from the military soldiers flying overhead in their helicopters looking for cartel members. The danger is very real for these dear people serving the Lord in Northern Mexico.

Continue to uphold Brother Juan Molina and his family in prayer. We praise the Lord that the surgeon that operated on Juan's ear says it is healing nicely. But, Juan is suffering from other complications. Due to the high dosage of antibiotics, Juan now has H-pylori. This has been causing severe vomiting which has caused the stomach acids to cause severe swelling in his esophagus. Thus, Juan has been unable to eat and has most of the time has not been able to talk. Please **pray** for Juan and his family during this trying time. Juan is now on a strict regimen of medicine to take care of this bacterial infection in his stomach.

We received word this week that Rebeca, the wife of Pastor Fidel Grande in Ciudad Victoria, Mexico is facing gall bladder surgery. She has been in terrific pain for some time. Tomorrow (Friday, the 19th) she will be having a series of tests taken and she has an appointment with the surgeon on Monday. Please **pray** for grace, strength, wisdom and finances for this time of need. Fidel and Rebecas are so faithful—serving the church in Ciudad Victoria and also serving in the village church of El Sauz.

We are so thankful for the two pallets of Spanish Gospel tracts that were delivered to us recently. These are such a blessings! We have inmates studying the Bible correspondence courses that constantly are asking us for tracts to hand out to the other inmates where they are serving time. One of the students in prison here from Central America recently wrote:

"I want to thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for the beautiful Bible lessons you sent me and for the stamped envelopes you sent me so I can return the answer sheets. It is always with much joy that I have been able to study the lessons you have sent me. They have not only been such a great spiritual blessing, but also a wonderful help emotionally. My desire is to learn more of the Word of God. May God bless you and prosper you in all your ways."



Proverbs 30:5

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 2017.

Serving together with you for His grace and glory,

Duane and Marilyn

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