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*"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:37,38*

As we see what is taking place around us, we realize that more and more the Good News of Jesus Christ needs to be shared and taught. Recently, we were given some updated statistics on the need for today. We were told that since 1950, for every 1,000 missionaries that leave the field, only 50 new missionaries will take their place. As we read these numbers, our hearts ache for those that have yet to hear the message of God's Word. This definitely brings to mind the verse in Amos 8:11, "*Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.*" As Christians we need to be more diligent to get the Word of God out to those around us that have not heard that there is hope in Jesus Christ.

The Bible correspondence courses continue to go out. **Please continue praying** for these students. What a joy it is to receive the many letters of appreciation from the students for these lessons. Recently we received a letter from a student which shows the need of getting God's Word into the hands of those that need Him. After studying forty-four lessons since July, 2013, a 43 year-old student from Cuba writes:

*Dear brothers in Christ, You don't know and cannot imagine how wonderful it is to have these studies in our home. What joy it is to receive them and then share the lessons with others! I would also love to have some lessons on marriage to share with families here in Cuba. I really enjoyed these studies and hope to receive more soon. Psalm 7:4.*

(It takes several months for the mail service to deliver the letters to Cuba or return them to us).

This month at the Federal Detention Center there were over 60 men that attended the chapel service. They were from many countries in Central and South America. Please **pray** as many of them study the lessons that they will apply to their lives the Truths they have learned from God's Word.

Please **pray** for the upcoming marriage retreat that will be held the first weekend in November. We always look forward to these few days as a time of challenge and refreshing for pastors and their wives and/or Christian workers. It is always exciting to see how God uses His Word to minister to those He brings our way. Please pray for each couple attending and for those of us that will be sharing the Truths of the Word to challenge and encourage them as they return to their respective areas of service.

Please pray for literature distribution at the cemeteries in Mexico during the upcoming Day of the Dead and All Saint's Day activities (November 1,2). These are two days that the believers can get out a lot of tracts and Bible portions to people that come to remember their loved ones and friends. We praise the Lord for the promise that His Word will not return void, but will accomplish that for which He purposes it. Pray for each one that receives the message of Hope through this Gospel literature during this time.

We are so thankful for pastors that are willing and eager to come take literature back to their respective churches for distribution. Many times when a pastor comes for materials, he will take literature for other pastors and Christian workers that do not have passports to come to the USA. Please **pray** for each piece of Gospel literature as it is placed in the hands of those that do not know Him.

The last few days there has been a huge outbreak of violence across the border. There have been those that have been hijacked and robbed of everything. We have different ones that have come for literature commenting on all the blockades around the cities. Shootings are not uncommon and recently cartel members went into schools looking to take hostages. Needless to say, many school have been closed to protect the students. Please **pray** for the protection of the people here along the border. We have also spoken with those that need to head South. Their plans have been put on hold until things calm down.

A way for us to minister to the children in Mexico is through gift bags at Christmas time. For those interested in helping with this project, the gifts can be put in gallon Ziploc bags. Some of the ideas for the bags would be a toothbrush, toothpaste, a bar of soap (hygiene items), a pencil or pen, a small spiral notebook, crayons (school supplies), a package of gum, small stuffed animals, a small toy for boys (maybe a match-box car) and a necklace, fingernail polish, a hair clasp or something a girl might like. Each bag needs to be marked for boys or girls (B for boys or G for girls). We will be adding Spanish tracts and Scripture portions to each bag. These bags need to be sent to us at: 2405 Sunset Blvd., Mission, TX 78574. It would be best to send these by the end of November so we can distribute them in early December. There is no limit to the number of bags we can use. Many times this is the only gift a child will receive throughout the whole year.

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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"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry..." (Ephesians 4:11)

