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As we went to the Federal Detention Center this month, we were reminded that we cannot underestimate the power of God working in the lives of individuals. We only had 35 inmates that attended the chapel service. Almost all expressed sincere gratitude for the teaching of God's Word and for the copy of the New Testament we provided. As usual these men have come from Central American countries and many are facing deportation very soon. These men have had very little contact with God's Word and find that the teaching of God's Word opens up a whole new perspective on life. Please **pray** for these men that the power of the Holy Spirit will open up their understanding so they can see their need of Christ as the Savior of their lives. We give all the inmates our address so they can write and request the Bible correspondence courses.

Duane continues to spend time correcting Bible correspondence courses. Sometimes they come 'by spurts.' We may not receive any lessons for several days and then a whole bunch shows up in the mail box. We are thankful for the approximately 20 new students that wrote and requested lessons recently. **Pray** that the students will be faithful in studying and answering the lessons. Also, **pray** that the power of the Holy Spirit will take the Word as the two-edged sword of God (Hebrews 4:12) to penetrate deeply into the hearts of the students as they study each lesson.

This month we wanted to feature **Jose de la Luz and Lucy Perez**. Jose has been in the ministry since 1988. Today he is pastoring Christ the Rock Baptist Church in Reynosa, Mexico. He and Lucy have been very faithful in training and teaching church workers over the years. Jose works at a US factory for \$10.00 a day and they have lived on a very limited income. Please **pray** for Jose and Lucy as they continue forth in God's calling for their lives.



Most of you know Duane had a stroke in August. We are so thankful for the therapy sessions he had. They really seemed to help. He continues to exercise here at home. Progress is slow, but with God's help he continues to strengthen the left leg that was affected by the stroke. Some days he feels very weak and his left leg does not want to cooperate. Please **pray** for the continued strengthening of his leg and better balance as he walks. We are so thankful he is able to work in the office every day correcting correspondence courses and doing other office work besides working with pastors as they come for literature.

We are making tentative plans to be involved in a marriage retreat in November. Please **pray** the Lord will guide us as we look ahead. There are many factors that need to be considered and we want the Lord's perfect leading and timing in this.

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 2018.

Serving together with you for His grace and glory,

Duane and Marilyn