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*“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”*

Isiah 55:11

We are so thankful for the group of 13 youth and 2 adult leaders that came March 2-10 from Heritage Academy in Hagerstown, MD to help in the ministry. Besides helping us and several other ministries with physical projects, they also had ministries in several local churches to share the Gospel. It was exciting to see some attend services that had come to know the Lord when the group was here two years ago. **Pray** that the Lord will continue to use the Word that was shared in the lives of those that attended the different services.

The school has had a group of High School students come eighteen times in the past 24 years on their Spring Break. Four other years they have gone to the Dominican Republic to serve in the Lord's work. We are thankful for the missionary outreach and vision that the youth receive.

The ministry at the Federal Detention Center has been very fruitful. Each month God does His work in the lives of those that hear the message. We are able to give each inmate a Spanish New Testament and other Christian literature. They come from many different Spanish-speaking countries and we encourage them to take the literature back home to friends and family when they are deported. **Pray** for this ministry.

We continue to send out the Bible correspondence courses to many students. Approximately fifty of these are prisoners in different prisons in the USA and are from many different Spanish-speaking countries. **Pray** that they will be drawn to the Lord. Many have expressed a desire to share God's Word with their families back home. In January, Duane received a request for a prisoner in the southern state of Chiapas, Mexico. He was thinking, “Wow, I've never had a student from there.” When he began to read the letter, the inmate told that nine years earlier, he had been in prison in the western state of Nayarit, Mexico and had studied the lessons. Eventually he was transferred to the prison in the eastern state of Veracruz. They would not let him take any of his lessons with him. He really had a desire to continue studying God's Word but he could not remember the address of the Bible correspondence school, even though he did remember it was Instituto Getsemaní (Gethsemane Institute). He began to pray that somehow he would be able to get the address so he could continue studying. Several years later he was transferred to the Federal prison in Chiapas. Finally, in October of 2016, someone handed him a Spanish tract with the name and address of our Bible correspondence school. So, needless to say, he contacted us and is now able to continue his studies of God's Word. **Pray** for this student and many others like him that are incarcerated and have a desire to study God's Word. We know that it is the Truth of God's Word that does the work of God in lives.

We are so thankful for a load of over one million Spanish tracts that we recently brought from MS. These will be distributed all over Mexico and Latin America by faithful pastors and Christian workers. We are thrilled, also, for the good supply of John and Romans that we received recently. These Scripture portions are taken by faithful pastors and Christian workers and handed out all over Mexico. **Pray** that these tracts and Scripture portions reach the hands and hearts of people that need the Lord.

Please **pray** for Trinidad Garza as he travels back from CA after picking up the VBS materials for 82,500 children and 2,000 teacher's books for this summer plus a big order of Sunday School materials. **Pray**, also, for wisdom as we begin the distribution of these materials next month.

Please **uphold us in prayer** as we prepare for the upcoming marriage retreat that is to be held March 24-26. We are trusting the Lord to use His Word to challenge and encourage the four couples that will be attending.

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)