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We are so excited about the upcoming summer activities that are being planned by the many churches in Mexico. We hear of the pastors wanting to use the VBS materials in beginning new missions and the women are excited about preparing hand crafts for the children to go along with each of the daily VBS lessons on Abraham. Please **pray** for the pastors as they come to retrieve materials for their churches and missions and many times for other pastors that do not have papers to come across the border for their own materials. It is a real blessing to spend time with many of the pastors that come. Duane is able to share promises with them and talk about their ministries back home in Mexico. Many times Marilyn is able to share with the pastor's wives in our home while Duane works with the pastors in the office. **Pray** for faithful teachers for each VBS.

We continue to receive such wonderful letters of thanks from the Bible correspondence students. Many new contacts write to request the lessons. One student from Central American that is an inmate in a northern Texas prison sent the names of 83 other inmates so they can also study the Bible correspondence courses. Last month we mentioned that a friend, on a trip to Cuba, distributed many correspondence lessons to some of our students. Since then, it has been encouraging that many of these have already responded by mail. They have all expressed a desire to continue studying. If they continue to study we offer about 200 different lessons. **Pray** for all of the students.

The ministry at the Federal Detention Center continues to be a challenge and a blessing. This month we had 70 men—two of whom were from Africa. The majority of the men attending the chapel services were from Central and South America and a few from Mexico. We challenge the men to take the New Testaments we give them and to read it daily. Also, we encourage them to send for the Bible correspondence courses that they will be able to take with them so they can continue studying when they are either deported back to their home countries or are given assylum. We find that some of the inmates even send literature back to their families so they can read it and/or start studying the lessons. Romans 10:17 reminds us that faith comes from hearing God's Word. **Pray** that as these men will read the materials, the Word will definitely not return void, but will accomplish that for which the Lord has sent it. (Isaiah 55:11).

We thank all that have prayed for Duane's health. After many appointments with four different doctors and a change of medication for blood pressure and diabetes, he is doing much better. However, there is a small blockage that cannot be treated at this time because the dye they would use in the catherization can do damage to the already damaged kidney. Please continue to **pray** for wisdom and complete recovery.

Since our last letter we have received over a million Gospel tracts that will go out all over the country of Mexico. We have also been informed that within the next month we should be receiving another shipment of Spanish literature that will be available to those that come to take it back to their respective home areas for distribution. **Pray** that as the literature is read the Word will fall on receptive and tender hearts to the message of God's Word.

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

