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'...for thou has magnified thy word above all thy name.'
Psalm 138:2

With A change in the weather, we know that Winter is around the corner. We look forward to the holidays that we will soon be celebrating: Thanksgiving and Christmas. Also, it is time for us to prepare for the ordering of next summer's VBS materials and obtaining extra Bibles which many will come to get for Christmas presents. That is exciting because what better gift can one give than the Word of God!!

The next pastor and family we want to feature is the Ramirez Family. Bro Guadalupe worked for many years at John Deere in Monterrey, Mexico. His was in a higher-up manager position and traveled frequently to John Deere plants in IA and IL. God then called Guadalupe to leave his job and go into the ministry full-time. He then went to Bible school and is now the pastor of a growing church that he and his family have started in Monterrey, Mexico. This is a growing ministry and his wife and children are very involved also. Periodically he is invited to preach conferences in different parts of Mexico. Guadalupe is so excited that the Lord has called him and his family into the ministry. It has been a sacrifice, but they constantly attest to the fact that God has always supplied all their needs. God will always bless when we walk in obedience to Him and His Word! **Pray** for Guadalupe and his family as they continue laboring to get the Word of God into the hands and hearts of the people to whom they minister.



Guadalupe, Nohemi, Rebeca and Israel Ramirez

In our last prayer letter we talked about a shipment of 90,000 John and Romans going to Southern Mexico. These were to be distributed through the ministries of churches in that area besides going into Central America. This month we received a shipment of 80,000 John and Romans to be distributed via the ministry of churches in Northern Mexico. Many Christian workers are excited about getting the Word of God into the hands of those coming in the Central American caravan that is heading to the States. **Pray** for this ministry.

Also, many church members are preparing to take John and Romans to hand out in the cemeteries to those that are remembering their deceased love ones on the day of the dead (November 1 & 2). **Pray** that the Word of God will do the work of God in the lives of those that will receive the Scripture portions.

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 matchbox 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). Spanish tracts and Scripture portions that will be given with 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. We have already been receiving requests from pastors for these bags for the children.

Please **pray** for the upcoming marriage retreat that will be taking place November 2-4. We are thankful we can still be a part of these retreats. May the teaching of God's Word be an encouragement, a challenge and help to the 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 2018.

Serving together with you for His grace and glory,

Duane and Marilyn