



December 2013

Dear Praying Friends,

As we enter the Christmas season we think about God's great gift to us in our Salvation through the birth, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Like Mary, we can say, "For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name." Luke 1:49

Late summer and early fall found us traveling visiting churches, friends and family. The Lord graciously watched over us as we traveled over 12,000 miles visiting 18 different churches; we also visited many personal supporters, family and friends. We are thankful that we have already heard from one church and one new personal supporter who have chosen to financially join together with us in our ministry here in Mexico. We are now at 91% support.



When we returned to Monterrey, we jumped back in the ministry. We continue to thank God for the help with the video ministry. This fall we started recording the classes in High Definition. We praise the Lord for providing the equipment needed for this project. This will allow the courses to have a longer lifespan as technology continues to change and improve. This current trimester we are recording three new classes for our online theological training.

Debbie returned to her work with many of the young ladies. She currently hosts two discipleship groups in the home each week. For the past year Russell has been working on a plan to begin updating our Bible institute level videos as some are 20-25 years old and the quality is beginning to show. Upon our return to Monterrey the Lord began putting things in order so that in January we will begin this process. The project will complete faster than we had originally thought. In January Russell will work together with area churches to open an evening Bible institute. He will direct this institute and will record the classes to offer them to churches and Bible institutes all around the Spanish-speaking world. Please pray for us as this project will require time, planning and finances.



In November our family traveled to Ciudad Madero, Tamaulipas, Mexico for a special transition service at a church that we have worked with for the past 20 years. The founding pastor of the church resigned to go lead his father's church in Chinampa, Veracruz. The church in Cd. Madero called the son, a graduate of the Christian university. We are sure God will do great things in both of these churches in the future.

The university held its semi-annual music concert in December. Russell participated directing the audio and visual aspects of this concert. It was wonderful to meditate on the majesty and glory of our great God through music! The auditorium was filled to capacity.

Last January, Russell and fellow missionary Jonathan Latham helped a group of churches in the state of Zacatecas begin a Bible institute using the videos from OREMUNDO. The pastors and many layworkers received training. Dividing the Bible institute into



three different locations made it easier for the participants to attend the classes. This month our family, along with the Latham family, made the trip to Zacatecas to celebrate the graduation of 24 people from the first year of Bible institute studies. We praise the Lord for the great things He has done in Zacatecas. The folks studying have a desire to continue, so our plan is to help them in 2014 as well.

Carena continues to grow and learn. She is homeschooling in the 4th grade this year. She currently takes piano lessons and loves cooking, entertaining and reading 😊. We praise the Lord for what He is doing through her, and that He kept her safe and healthy throughout all of our travels.

We are privileged to spend the holidays with the Raymer grandparents. We trust you will have a Merry Christmas and blessed New Year.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support,

Russell, Debbie and Carena Raymer

