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MISSIONARIES IN MEXICO REACHING THE SPANISH-SPEAKING WORLD THROUGH THE TRAINING OF NATIONAL WORKERS

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Dear Praying friends,

As we reflect on the past few months, we stand in awe of God's wonderful blessings. We thank God for His direction, protection and help as we have traveled many miles and accomplished much.

November started with Russell preaching at a local church four consecutive weekends on the theme of finances. The teaching was well received, and we look forward to hearing how God continues to work in lives.

Later in November Russell along with several other of the missionaries had the privilege to travel to Campeche, Campeche to teach at a Pastors' conference and preach in the local churches. We spent a lot of time with the Pastors encouraging them and helping in their distinct ministries. One evening we held a fellowship time with the churches at a local camp.



After the conference in Campeche, Russell and Jonathan Latham continued traveling to Comitán, Chiapas for another Pastors' Conference. This was the third opportunity that God has opened up for us to go to Comitán to help the pastors from that region. In order to fly into Comitán it is required that we land in the capital of Chiapas, Tuxtla Gutiérrez, and request permission to fly to the private airstrip in Comitán. As we were landing in Tuxtla Jonathan's cell phone began to ring. It was a pastor from Tuxtla who heard that we were going to be in the area and wanted to see when he could travel the 2+ hours to Comitán to talk with us about a Bible institute. We told him that we had just landed in Tuxtla and would be there about an hour to do the paper work. He responded that he could be at the airport in 30 minutes if we had time to talk. We finished the paperwork to fly to Comitán about

5 minutes before he walked through the door. Over coffee at the airport restaurant we discussed the possibilities of helping a group of 12 churches in Tuxtla begin a Bible Institute in the near future using the videos that we have been recording in Monterrey. By the time we went to bed that evening Russell had sent them a complete plan for their new Bible Institute that they were able to present to the other pastors in a meeting the next day. God's timing as always was perfect because if the call had arrived 5 minutes earlier we would not have heard the call, or 30 minutes later we would have already been on our way to Comitán.

In Comitán, Russell was able to teach on Church Administration and using technology in the church. He had not originally planned on teaching on Church Administration, but when we arrived the pastors asked if he could teach on that subject. There was a great turnout from pastors from the region, and we are already looking forward to the next trip to Comitán and Tuxtla.



While Russell was in Campeche, Debbie and Carena were able to travel to Houston, TX for the wedding of a young lady who was our "adopted" daughter while she was a student at the university and preparatory here in Monterrey. There Debbie photographed her first wedding.

December brought Christmas concerts for both the university as well as the day school. Russell and his team of helpers helped at both concerts running sound, video and photography. Carena was involved in the day school's concert singing with her class, as well as singing with the school's choir. She really enjoys singing, and it puts a smile on her parents' faces watching her sing.



We spent Christmas with both of our families in South Texas. We had an enjoyable week jumping between the families. We returned to Monterrey in time to celebrate the New Year with our church family at La Gracia. It was a fun time remembering all the blessings of the past year and looking forward to the new year with great anticipation.

Debbie continues with her discipleship group and has recently begun a new study on the power of suffering. There are about 15 young ladies who meet in our home each week to study God's Word together. Please pray for this study.

Carena continues to do well in the Christian school. Her grades continue to be in the top group of the class. She also is progressing with her piano classes.

Russell is currently teaching a class on the relationship of the church and state to the theology students. This is always a special time for Russell as it gives him opportunity to work with the young men.

In December our Bible Institute completed the two-year program with 10 students finishing all 20 courses! We have a number of other students who are very close to finishing as well. In January we began to offer the classes again, and we added a third class each week. We also have a number of students taking the classes online. Pray for the students taking the Bible Institute classes.

We praise the Lord that Russell was recently able to complete his paperwork for his Permanent Residency in Mexico.

Please pray for the church Genezareth to find a permanent pastor.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We look forward to laboring together in this new year!

Russell, Debbie & Carena

