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Dear Praying Friends,

As we enter a new year, we always enjoy reflecting on the past year remembering the many blessing that God has bestowed upon our family and our ministry here in Mexico.



We started the year off with an exciting new ministry of opening a Bible Institute in conjunction with OREMUNDO, Genezareth Baptist Church and the Christian University of the Americas. Russell is the director of this new endeavor. We did not know what the response from the local churches would be, but we were pleasantly surprised when over 50 signed up for the first class. Over the first year we were able to have 10 classes offered in two levels one on Tuesdays and the other on Thursdays. We saw over 91 students from 13 different churches enroll in the classes. We had an average attendance of 33 in each class! At the end of the year, 11 students had finished all 10 classes that were offered. We are excited about this new year of the Bible Institute as we have many new faces added to the enrolment where we have over 45 in each class!

One of our primary objectives in starting the Bible Institute was to add new courses to the OREMUNDO video course library as it has been several years since we have added Bible institute level courses as we have been focused on the university level course recording. We continue to see a great desire and need for these courses around the Spanish-speaking world, and we are excited to be able to offer these 10 new courses over the next month or so both on DVD and online as well.

Russell along with fellow missionary Jonathan Latham continue to take training outside the Monterrey area. They are continuing to work with the group in Zacatecas who have just finished the second year of the video courses and soon will be starting their third year. The Lord also opened the door for them to begin traveling to the southern part of Mexico to the state of Chiapas to work with pastors and leaders in this area. Their survey trip/conference in March was very well received and brought an invitation to come back in November to give a training class. Over 60 pastors attended the Hermeneutics class. We are thankful for the small Cessna plane that Jonathan has that allows us to travel to these areas to give the classes and still be involved in our weekly ministries here in Monterrey. Russell has been working on obtaining his pilot's license so that we have a backup pilot on these trips. Please be in prayer that we can obtain a small training aircraft by loan or donation that he can use to finish this project. The Cessna that Jonathan has is more advanced airplane than a trainer is allowed to be when a person is obtaining their license. Jonathan is a licensed instructor so this is making this very possible economically to obtain the license.



Debbie continues to have discipleship groups in our home. The group continues to grow as the young ladies have a sincere desire to learn from God's Word. They have studied the book of Ephesians and are currently studying Ruth. They also enjoy sweet times of prayer, fellowship and learning new things to do in the home. She has also had the opportunity to team teach a Tuesday night discipleship class at Genezareth Baptist Church on children's ministry.

Carena continues to grow into a wonderful young lady. She is still homeschooling and is in the 5th grade. She enjoys playing the piano, drawing, cooking, sewing and playing with her friends. It is fun to see her continue to mature.

This past year at the university has been an exciting yet difficult year. We have seen God do exciting things in the lives of many of the students. Russell continues to record many of the theology classes, and we have seen a constant growth of those

taking the classes online. Russell has also been able to teach classes in the university on a Biblical view of finance and is currently teaching a class to the theology students on the relationship between the church and the state. The most difficult part of this year was the sudden passing of Pastor Julio Montes and his wife Rosario in a tragic auto accident. Pastor Montes was the Pastor of Genezareth Baptist Church, as well as the president of the university. This loss has left a large hole, but we are confident that God will bring the perfect man for the task. Pray for this.

Grace Baptist Church continues to grow. We have seen many new families start attending and have seen the church mature as body of believers. We continue to head the children's ministries, and Russell teaches and preaches frequently.

We thank each one of your for your prayers and the financial support. It is a blessing to know that we have your prayer and financial support. We are looking forward to this New Year to see what great and mighty things our Lord will do!

Your missionaries to Mexico and the Spanish-speaking world,

Russell, Debbie & Carena Raymer.

