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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,

We are thankful to see how faithfully God continues to lead us each day. The new year started off where 2016 ended, with very busy but blessed schedules.

We had the privilege to celebrate with a young couple who have been friends of ours for a number of years as they completed our Bible Institute. Several years ago, we were able to be with them when they began their Bible Institute training at an institute outside of Monterrey, but after a year or so, together with their church they decided they would start attending our Bible Institute and take more of the classes online so that they could quickly finish their preparation. In December, they finished their course of studies and the church celebrated the graduation with a special event in January. They are now working with their church to start a new work in the Monterrey area.



In January, Russell was invited to attend a Pastor's fellowship in Florida. It was a wonderful time of spiritual refreshment and fellowship with pastors from all over the US and around the world. It was neat to see a couple of pastors from some of our supporting churches and see many pastors who have traveled in Mexico with us when they were Pastors, Youth Pastors or youth. We are praying that soon we will be able to have a similar type of fellowship for pastors here in Mexico.

February brought special visitors from Costa Rica to Monterrey. Mark and Lynnette Hynek sent one of the young men from their church to study theology at UCLA and they came to visit him and the school. As a young lady, Lynnette came on several OREMUNDO mission groups and spent a summer helping us with the mission teams. It was wonderful to reconnect with them.

We are thankful to God for the way He continues to expand our Bible institute courses that we offer online and on DVD. We continue to see the courses sent and used around the world. Last summer we had man contact us asking about the courses as he had begun using some of our courses many years ago, but then the missionary who was using them left their area, so his training had stop. He desired to continue his training as he was now pastoring a small church. We worked out an online plan of studies with him, and he quickly finished his training, devoting several hours a day to his training while pastoring and working a full time job. As he was finishing his studies Russell and Daniel began discussing that it would be wonderful if they could go give him his certificate. In February, our two families traveled to Jerez, Zacatecas (about 7 hours from Monterrey) for a special service in his church where we were able to present to him his Bible Institute Certificate. This was a blessing for his family, as well as our families as we could put a face and friendship with the many phone calls and e-mails.



Debbie has been busy with her discipleship groups in the home. A special blessing is seeing the young ladies begin new groups in their homes. Some of the young ladies who have studied with Debbie in the past are in other areas, but they are continuing to have groups where they are. Debbie also had the opportunity to go to a women's conference in Queretaro with about 30 other ladies from our church. It was a special time for all of them.

Russell taught a class to the 2nd year theology students during the 2nd trimester dealing with the relationship between the church and the state. He is currently teaching a Personal Finance class to all the 3rd and 4th year students of the university. We trust these classes will benefit them the rest of their lives.

Carena continues in 7th grade. Her grades continue to be very good. It is a blessing to see her work diligently in English and Spanish to do her best. She loves reading and spending time with her friends. Her piano classes took a little bit of a break as her teacher is expecting and the doctor put her on bed rest, but they should be starting classes back up in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you for your support, love and prayers. We are thankful for your partnership with us in the ministry.

Please pray for a dorm student named Emi. She is in a coma after being hit by a drunk driver. She and her family were on their way back to school from Easter vacation when this happened.

Thank you for your love, financial support and prayers,

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