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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 stand amazed at the greatness of our wonderful and faithful God. This past year has been filled with one blessing on top of another blessing. We want to thank each of you for your love, prayers and support through this year. Each of you have an important part of our ministry here in Mexico and around the world.



On November 4th, God answered a prayer that had been in our hearts for many years. Russell departed from McAllen, Texas traveling to Kiev, Ukraine. He had been invited to go and help Slavic Baptist Institute begin recording their institute classes. This will allow them soon to begin offering classes in Russian throughout the world like we have been doing in Spanish for many years. It was a very busy week of recording 31 hours of teaching, editing the courses, training the workers to do the recording in the future and uploading many hours to the internet for future classes. It was a very profitable week but tiring. We are praying that all will be remembered when they continue recording the next institute session the end of January. Once they have several classes recorded we will be helping them setup the online system like what

we are using with OREMUNDO and UCLA. We thank God for this opportunity to use what we have learned and done in Spanish for so many years to help our brothers in the Russian language. We pray that God will open more opportunities in other languages in the future so that training can go to all parts of the world via the internet.

After Russell returned from Ukraine, we quickly entered the many activities finishing the year. We were heavily involved in many concerts, programs and recitals. Carena was kept very busy singing. She was asked to be part of a trio singing at the Music Academy's recital to help in their cantata. She then was involved in 5 songs in the school program including singing in a trio. Her Sunday School class also sang a special song in the church's Christmas service. We thank God that Carena loves singing praises to His name.



In December, we finished the 3rd year of the Bible Institute where we were privileged to train many folks from the local community, as well as record 25 courses for our Bible Institute on DVD and Online. We pray that God will continue to use these courses for many years. In January we have a couple of more celebrating a graduation.



In October we made a transition from Iglesia Bautista La Gracia to Iglesia Bautista Genezareth. We are thankful that God allowed us to help develop La Gracia from a church plant to a church with local leaders who are able to do the work of the ministry. We were asked by the leadership of Genezareth to assist developing a program for middle school aged children. We are excited about the committed group of young adults who are assisting with this ministry. We currently have 42 young people participating in the program. Please be in prayer with us for our new areas of ministry assisting in the church.

In January, Russell will continue with his pilot training. We are hoping that he will be able to finish soon. Please pray for the training and preparations for his exam.

We are thankful for the opportunity to spend Christmas with Russell's parents and with Debbie's sister Ana this year. We are looking forward to being back in Monterrey for the New Year.

Thank you for your love, financial support and prayers,

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