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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,

Each day it is exciting to see how God has His perfect timing and plan for His work.



Many will remember that just two years ago the Lord in His timing took Pastor Julio Montes, the pastor of Iglesia Bautista Genezareth, and his wife to glory in a sudden car accident. This church is the church which the Christian university here is under. For the past two years we have been praying for God to send His man to be the pastor of this wonderful work. The past two years have been full of trials and growth. It has been good to see how God has worked in many lives and through many more lives. In the beginning of October, the church voted to call Pastor Luis Berlay Zepeda as the new pastor of this work. He is not new to the ministry here as he is a graduate of the university, and has been ministering here in the ministries primarily with the youth since he graduated. We are excited to see what plans God has for the future of the ministries here in Monterrey.

In late August classes resumed in both the day school and the university. Carena moved over to the junior high this year and is enjoying her classes and friends. It is hard to believe how quickly the time has passed, and it is a reminder to us to take advantage of each day that God has given us. She is adjusting to having different teachers and more work requirements, but continues to do well in her classes. She loves reading, doing crafts, playing with her dolls and being with her friends in her free time.

In September we had the opportunity to travel to Kentucky where Russell was able to attend a conference with a focus on using technology in the ministry. He came away with a lot of new ideas for improving and adding to the ministries of the university and OREMUNDO. While we were there we had the privilege of visiting the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter as they were close to the conference location. It was great to visit these places that help keep our great God before us, and to show the evidences of the truth of His Word. Our nephews were our hosts at both museums.



The Bible Institute continues each week and we continue to see new people taking the different classes. We are also continually seeing more and more churches around the world using the courses in their own works as well. We are continually recording new courses both at the Bible Institute level, as well as the university level.



Several years ago Russell shared with the leadership of OREMUNDO a burden that he had for taking what we have learned in recording and distributing Bible training in Spanish and reproducing that in other languages as well. The idea was not to translate or dub what we had done, but to produce the courses in the given language. Over the years many missionaries have made comment of how difficult it is to find teachers for classes or the difficulty of reaching certain groups, so the video process answers many of these problems. Shortly after Russell presented this to the leadership, a pastor friend who was beginning to raise support to return to mission field met with Russell to talk about this possibility for the Bible Institute that he was going to be working with. Fast forward two years, about a month ago Pastor Derek Thomas reconnected with Russell about this project to help the Slavic Bible Institute in the Ukraine set up a system like we have developed for OREMUNDO and UCLA, so that they would have the ability to expand their institute beyond the Ukraine and locations where people speak Russian. The Lord has quickly put all the

pieces together as only He can, and Russell will be traveling to Ukraine the first two weeks of November to install and train them in recording the courses being offered at the institute. We ask for your prayers for this special trip and that there will be no problems with taking the equipment into the country. We ask for prayers that the training will go smoothly. Also, remember Debbie and Carena as they will be remaining in Monterrey while Russell is in the Ukraine.

Thank you for your prayers and support,

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