



# RUSSELL, DEBBIE & CARENA RAYMER

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

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Dear Praying Friends,

*Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. – Jeremiah 33:3*

It is a joy to watch the great and mighty things that God wants to accomplish in our lives and our ministries. Each time we think that we are at our limit, God has a way of stretching us in new directions. Leaving politics aside, we have seen a large influx of Spanish-speaking believers enter the local church throughout the United States. For many their children learn to speak and understand English, and they themselves understand some English but are not as fluent and seem to miss concepts during the sermons. I have had conversations with many U.S. pastors about this subject. The pastors have shared concern about ways the local church reach the Spanish-speaking people to help them grow spiritually. Some churches have some very strong Spanish-speaking Christians while others do not. What these pastors have expressed is the need to offer teaching and preaching to those whom the Lord has brought to their doors. Having this need in mind, after much prayer and thought, we



began a new area of ministry of video recording sermons at a couple of churches, as well as the chapels at the university here in Monterrey. They are available in high definition online for these churches, as well as for others who may need fill in teachers or preachers. We began this new website the beginning of August with one sermon and are slowly adding sermons each week. The first month saw over 500 message plays on the server. We are excited about the potential of this new area of ministry. We are slowly adding additional churches to record as we are able to get the equipment. It is about \$600 per church to get the basic equipment package to record these sermons. Please feel free to visit the website of this new ministry at: [www.delpulpito.com](http://www.delpulpito.com) to see the mighty things God is doing. (If you can help with any amount that would be a blessing.)

This summer our home church visited the ministry. We loved their help and hard work and visiting with the team members. We were able to accomplish much more than we had originally planned. Two of Russell's nieces were able to come on this trip as well. We also got a quick visit from a dear couple, the Wassses. What an encouragement to see them here!

August also brought a new round of classes at the Bible institute. We are thankful for the faithfulness of those taking the classes. On Tuesdays we are studying Hermeneutics and have maintained around 40 for the Tuesday night classes. We have students coming from 12 churches to participate in these classes. The Thursday class is currently studying the Epistles and continues to have about 30 in these classes. We have been busy planning for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Bible institute, as well as creating the DVDs and the online videos, so that we can make these new courses available early 2015. We have a number of people waiting for these new classes. Many who have joined the Bible institute recently want to take these classes online, so that they can catch up with the other students.



In mid-August we also began a new semester of our online university level theology classes. We are thankful to God that this semester was the highest enrollment to date! We continue to have students from across Mexico, as well as many from other parts of the world. We are also talking with several of these students' pastors about training groups with the courses. We trust and pray that they will be able to begin at the next semester. We are currently recording three additional classes for future studies. The highlight of the beginning of the school year was welcoming the new students from Costa Rica, Peru, Chile and Honduras.



Iglesia Bautista La Gracia continues to see new families attend and be grounded in the Word. This past Sunday 3 teen young men and one man were baptized following the Lord in obedience. It was a wonderful time to reflect on the great and mighty things that God is doing in the lives of those who follow Him. About 6-8 children come faithfully on Sunday without their parents. Pray for these children to hear and learn about God's redemptive plan for them. Pray for our 3 day Fall Children's Bible Club the last week of September. Our theme is the Omnipotent Christ. Pray that children and their families will come to know Christ.

Debbie is preparing to restart her discipleship class with some of the young ladies in our home. They are looking forward to the study of Ruth. Debbie is also team teaching a Tuesday night discipleship class at Genezareth Baptist Church on training children's workers. She has also been taking the Tuesday evening Hermeneutics Bible institute class.

Carena began the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We are once again homeschooling her this year. Now that the Tom Chapman family is back, she is thankful to have lots more friends to play with. ☺ She is continuing with her piano lessons and loves to read.

Thank you for your love and support,

Russell, Debbie & Carena

