

Raymers

Missionaries to Mexico



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Dear Praying Friends,

It is a blessing to be able to daily serve our Lord and King. This is something we do not take lightly. It is a privilege, but also a responsibility to labor for the Kingdom.



The past few months have been filled with many activities and opportunities to minister. In January, Russell was able to attend a pastor's fellowship in Florida along with a young pastor from Tampico, Mexico. This was a sweet time of fellowship and a challenge to both. Our goal is later this year to have a similar time of fellowship for pastors here in Mexico. We would appreciate your prayers as we make plans for this to happen.

Debbie continues to have her weekly discipleship group in our home on Mondays with a group of young ladies. It has been exciting to see new ladies join the group and to observe spiritual growth in each one. They are currently doing an inductive study of Philippians. It is a sweet time of fellowship and relaxation for these ladies. On occasion they have the opportunity to learn household skills as well. Recently, Russell's mom was here visiting us and taught the girls how to make cranberry bread and lemon meringue pie. It was fun for them to make something different in the kitchen.



Debbie also meets once a week with one of the ladies' groups from the church. For the past few months she has switched to a different group to help out as one of the leaders was away for a few months, but she will now be returning to her regular church group. The weekly Bible study has been very good for each of the ladies. When the church switched the ladies' group from a single weekly study to several smaller groups who meet at different homes at different times, we saw the number of ladies involved go from about 20 to closer to 100.



Russell continues to oversee the church's Bible Institute program. They are currently half way through the second part of Doctrines. Each week we have seen about 25 men and women from our church and a couple of other churches faithfully come for 2 hours to receive this training. Please be in prayer that more folks from the churches will take advantage of this opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of God's Word.

Over the years Russell has had many opportunities to teach Bible based finance classes and conferences in many churches and in the university here in Monterrey. Currently he is teaching this class to about 60 3rd and 4th year students at the university. It is always an encouragement to hear how these classes have impacted their lives whether as singles or as married couples later. Please pray for these young people that they will grasp the importance of following a Biblical plan for their finances and not follow after the world.

Carena continues to grow. It is exciting to see the young lady that she is becoming. She will be finishing secondary school (9th grade) here at the Christian day school. She continues to excel in her classes. Our plans are that she will move to the preparatory school that is part of the Christian University of the Americas this coming year. Recently, Carena had to switch piano teachers due to the pregnancy of her teacher, but her love of playing the piano has continued to grow. She is playing for some of the chapels at school, so this has been a stretching time for her. Please pray that she will finish this school year well.



We have seen spiritual growth in the group of upper elementary and junior high students with whom we are working at the church. We are currently finishing up a study on Salvation, and in a couple of weeks will begin a study of God's plan for their lives. We have started studying the book of James with the leaders and this has been an enjoyable study that we are doing once a month. We would appreciate your prayers for more workers for this ministry as we would like to continue to expand the ministry with these children and young people.

We are currently making plans to travel this summer for about 7 weeks to visit some of our supporting churches. We are looking forward to this time of fellowship. We would appreciate your prayers as we plan this trip and prepare everything here while we are gone during this trip.

Your co-laborers in Mexico,

Russell, Debbie and Carena Raymer

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