

Raymers

Missionaries to Mexico



September 2019

Dear Praying Friends,

We thank God for His protection this summer as we traveled over 8,000 miles visiting many of our supporting churches. Thank you for your prayers as well. Prayers one for another are such an important part of the Christian family, and we heard repeatedly that people pray for us.

Over the summer we were able to be in 9 churches. We also saw many friends and family members. It had been 6 years since we had been able to travel to the east coast. We saw God's work in His people, and we were reminded of the importance of praying one for another. We also heard of the burden many pastors have for their church families and for the future of their churches. We will continue to be praying for many of these needs that we were able to see firsthand. Debbie also got to see some family members she had not seen in 14 years. This was very special to her.

We returned to Mexico in time to prepare for the new school year. This past year was the first year of the master's in theology program in the university. There was such a demand for this training a, new group started this year. These classes are held on Monday evenings from 6-10 PM. We have both classes running at the same time. This brought some additional challenges as we use a bi-directional video feed so that students who are not in Monterrey can attend the classes. The Lord provided the needed funds for the equipment for the second classroom. So, we quickly purchased the equipment and installed the new classroom. We are thankful for about 25 students in the new group and 23 in the 2nd year! Pray for the pastors taking the heavy class load.



Carena entered the two year preparatory that is connected to the university. This is the equivalent to 10th & 11th grades in the US. We continue to pray that God will lead her and that she will continue to follow His leading. Her group had a much larger than expected enrollment with 30 in the class. There are 12 students who are from other parts of Mexico and are living in the dormitory of the university. Please pray for Carena and her classmates that they will all have a desire to follow Christ with all their hearts. She is also participating in the university choir again this year.

Debbie started her weekly Bible study in the home this past week and saw several young ladies with a desire to continue studying together each week. She also continues to be involved in the ladies Bible studies with a group of ladies from the church. It is neat to see so many with a sincere desire to learn more about God's Word. Carena and Debbie also teach a 2-5 year-old Sunday school class with about 26 kids in it. They love it!

Russell is teaching a course in the university to the 2nd year theology students. He also continues to oversee the Tuesday evening Bible Institute at the church. The current study is on Evangelism. We are thankful for those who come for 2 hours each Tuesday for these classes.

Later this month we will be starting up the children's club ministry on Sunday evening at the church. Please pray for additional workers in this ministry as we have lost a few due to work and relocation. It is a blessing to teach doctrine to the children each week. Carena will move from student to worker this year.



Russell has also been busy working on details for a Pastor's fellowship/conference in November. He is working with a pastor whom we have known since he was a small child and have seen him grow and mature and seen God do great things in the church that he is pastoring. The conference will be November 12-14 in Cd. Madero, Tamaulipas Mexico. Please pray with us that God will continue to provide the funds for this conference and for others that we wish to hold in other parts of Mexico as well. Also, pray that God will make it possible for many pastors to attend.

Pray for one of Debbie's discipleship girls as she teaches her first year in a one room schoolhouse to kids in grades 1-4. Her school has no resources so Debbie will help her get some teaching helps.

Thank you for your love and prayers.

Your co-laborers in Mexico,

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