



# The Raymers

## Missionaries to Mexico

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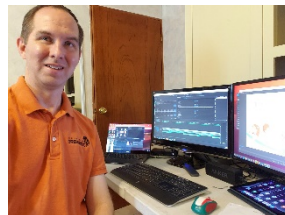
Dear Praying Friends,

We do not know what tomorrow will bring in our lives. Each day we must follow the plan that God has given to us. For many of us we like to have the future well planned out. We want to know exactly what will happen, but we need to remember to look at each day as an exciting day that God has given to us to see what we can accomplish for God's glory. Ecclesiastes 11:6 is a good reminder to be busy doing what God puts before us each day. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

Like everyone, the last few months have been full of change for us and our ministry here in Monterrey. The second week of March we made a quick trip to McAllen, TX to take Russell's mom back to her Texas residence after having her in Monterrey with us for several weeks. We heard of the Covid-19 and that things were starting to change. Upon return to Monterrey, our normal was no longer normal. Churches and schools were closing, and everyone was quickly trying to find solutions to continue church services and continue educating students.

Russell has worked with recording for over 35 years, video online classes for another 10 years and streaming for the past 6+ years. This has given him a unique knowledge to help many who were suddenly thrown into these worlds. During the first few of weeks of the quarantine, Russell spent countless hours on the phone, video calls, emails, messages and in person trying help churches in Mexico and the United States get up and running either recording or streaming services. We are thankful for the many new ministry opportunities despite the difficulties.

As people were being told to stay home and not go out this poised a challenge to our Bible Institute and to others around the globe. Russell began converting our Bible Institute here at Genezareth Baptist Church to an online institute until we can meet again. This has allowed many to begin taking the classes who would not normally be able to come each Tuesday night for two hours. Additionally, several Bible Institutes around the world who are using our OREMUNDO video courses began contacting Russell about what could be done so their people would not have to stop their training in this time that many had "extra" time to study. We began with opening a course up to any who desired to begin taking classes. This week we will begin offering the second course as many are now finishing their first course. These are in addition to our local Bible Institute classes that we are streaming every Tuesday night. We have also been able to work with some of the missionaries in specific ways so that their students can continue their studies where they left off. This has been a blessing to many.



Russell has also been able to help a couple of local churches record their services each week and get them edited and uploaded so that the members of these churches can continue virtually meeting together each Sunday. This has been a great blessing for these churches and their people. We also saw during the first few weeks that most of the churches were focused on their Sunday morning services, but there was not a lot available for the children. Here in Mexico like the United States the schools had shut down, and we had a couple of weeks of kids at home while the schools were trying to figure out what was going on and for Easter break. We decided to record some children's classes and transmit them each morning for the children. We wanted to offer some Godly programming for the children as we knew that many would be spending a lot of time watching all sorts of videos. We began with Carena reading an eight-part story of Fanny Crosby's life. We then recorded another story from Bible Visuals International "Ly Huy's Escape" which was a five-part story read by one of our children's workers. We also recorded several Bible stories and the Easter story. It was fun to get messages from small children asking when the next chapter would be airing. During these past two months we have recorded over 60 hours of teaching and preaching. This represents hundreds of hours recording and editing.

With the change to digital education in the school this added a lot of extra work to each of us. Russell helped the university and the day school get connected with the Google GSuite education platforms, as well as helped in different areas of the online classes. Debbie was asked to teach one of the English classes for the university as the teacher who had been teaching would be unable to continue with the online setup. She has enjoyed working on the lessons, but it has been a challenge for her as she has not worked in the digital arena in her past teaching experiences. Carena and her classmates (along with their teachers) got thrown into digital education. This has proven a challenge for all involved. We are thankful for Carena's hard work and dedication to her studies, as well as her heart to help her classmates make this transition as smoothly as possible. Pray Carena and her classmates will persevere until the end of the school year.

We do not know what the future holds for us. We continue to move forward in many areas of ministry and starting many new areas. We would appreciate your prayers as we have a busy couple of months with classes finishing on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and as we continue to produce Bible training materials that can be used by many.

We would appreciate your prayers for us this summer as we are planning on traveling to Kansas City in July to help Russell's mom close her home in Missouri and move her full-time to her home in Texas. This will be a challenging time for all the family.

Thank you for your love and prayers.

Your co-laborers in Mexico,  
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