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Missionaries in Mexico



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Dear Praying Friends,

As we flew through the Thanksgiving season and now are heading into Christmas, we stand in continued awe of our wonderful God. He has once and again showed His greatness and love to us.

The past couple of months have held a lot of activity for us. The Bible institute continues to faithfully train up people for a number of local churches to better know and share about our mighty God. We are currently studying the writings of John and will be finishing this class in two weeks. Entering the new year, we will begin a new class on Christ in the scriptures.

We have both been teaching classes in the university as well. Debbie taught the English Education majors a class on curriculum development, and Russell taught the Theology majors a class on the Relation between Church and State and a class Computer class to all the first year students. Last week we finished our trimester and this week began new classes. Russell is continuing to teach the first-year students Computers 2, and Debbie is working with some of her students on the thesis papers they have to write.

The past couple of months brought a lot of travel as well. The first few days of November we were able to make a quick trip to Pensacola and visit Carena. She was in a dramatic production this semester, and we were privileged to be able to watch her perform in this work. We are so thankful for what God has been doing in her life, and for her growth spiritually and academically. We are looking forward to her being home later this week for Christmas break.

As we returned from Pensacola, we were able to celebrate an incredible milestone with Eddie and Dianna Woodfield, missionaries with whom we have served 28 years here in OREMEX/OREMUNDO Ministries. The Woodfield's celebrated 50 years as missionaries, having served in Spain, Italy and Mexico. It was a beautiful time of reflection of God's mercy and goodness, as well as, looking at what God has done through the Woodfields for many years. It was also a bitter-sweet time as the Woodfields are also retiring from active missionary service and will be moving from Mission, Texas up to Houston to live near their daughters and families. We have learned so much from these our dear friends and co-laborers for so many years and will greatly miss them, but we are thankful for the example set before us.



Upon returning to Monterrey after the trip to Pensacola and Mission, we quickly began final preparations for a conference in the southern Mexican city of Chetumal. Thursday night at midnight we departed Monterrey and arrived in Chetumal the next morning. We were joined by Alvaro and Rubi Espinoza who minister with us in Monterrey to give a conference on discipleship. The host pastor is a recent graduate of the university here in Monterrey who has recently started a new church in the area where he grew up. What a joy it was to minister with our dear brothers and share with them the importance of training up future generations to know our God. As Chetumal is on the border with the country of Belize, we were able to cross over into Belize one morning which allowed us to cross by land both the northern and southern border of Mexico in the same week. Please be in prayer for the growth of these churches.

This past Wednesday, the university held a beautiful concert reflecting on the wonders of the birth of our Lord and Savior. Russell was able to help by running the sound for this concert.

We are thankful for the love so many have shared with us over this past year. We think back and remember all that God has accomplished, and this gives us great anticipation for the next year. Our schedule is quickly filling up with many activities and we ask that you pray for strength for us and wisdom to accomplish the plan God has for us.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Merry Christmas!

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