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Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for your consistent prayers. The past few months have been full of activity and adventure.

As we mentioned in the last prayer letter, in October we restarted the Bible Institute. It was exciting to see people coming from about 10 churches every Tuesday evening for two hours for the New Testament Survey class. It was an encouragement to see the excitement of so many to learn about God's Word. We completed that course the beginning of December and took a break for the Christmas and New Year holidays, but then began our next course the second week of January. We saw the vast majority that took New Testament continue on to the new course entitled "Christ in the Torah." We also saw many new students come to this class. We have filled our classroom to capacity each week as we see Christ throughout the Pentateuch. We have students from 13 area churches in attendance. The beginning of January we were able to give Bible Institute certificates to 6 people (including Debbie) who had finished their course of study during the pandemic. We are thankful for the faithfulness and hard work of so many to complete these courses. Please continue to pray for this needed tool, that God will continue to bless.

The month of November was a difficult time as we made several trips to the border for funerals. The first was that of a veteran missionary who had faithfully aided churches throughout Mexico with materials and training. The past few years his health had been very poor, and in November, he was ushered into his celestial home. About a week after we returned from that funeral we received the news of a tragic passing of another person and we returned to the border to be with their family as they struggled with this sudden passing. Please be in prayer for the family members and friends of both of these who passed away.

The last week of November brought a special trip for Debbie. Her brother-in-law flew Debbie and her youngest sister Ana to Hawaii to surprise their sister Karen for her "40th" birthday. It was a sweet time for the three sisters to be together for Karen's birthday and for Thanksgiving. We are thankful for the time they were able to be together as distance has not allowed this for about 30 years. Upon Debbie's return to McAllen, we had another "surprise." As the sisters were walking through the airport to be reunited with their husbands, Debbie fell, and the joyful reunion ended up taking place in the emergency room taking care of a broken arm. We are thankful that the break was clean and did not require surgery. The break is now nearly healed, but with the arm being immobile for two months, we are now dealing with therapy so that she can regain movement in the shoulder area. Please be in prayer for her as she goes through therapy for the next few months.

Carena was able to return from her first semester at Pensacola Christian College for the Christmas break. It was wonderful to have about five weeks with her before she returned. We are thankful for how God has worked in her life and how she is growing. She has slowly been adapting the US culture although there are many things that make no sense to her. Please continue to pray for her as she has a high class load this semester.

Even with the broken arm Debbie has continued to teach some night English classes at the Christian University of the Americas. At times it has been a struggle, but God has given her the strength to continue and do a great job teaching the English Education majors. She also has continued with her discipleship group on Monday evenings. It has been a blessing to see how the young ladies have been growing and the genuine care they have one for another. Please pray for these young ladies that God will continue working in their lives.

Please pray for us as we continue working on resources in Spanish and in other languages, that they will be used to further the Kingdom.

Thank you for your prayers and support,

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