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Dear Praying Friends,

We thank God for how He guides our steps each day.

It is wonderful that things are opening back up, and that we are able to return to many aspects of the ministry that had been slowed down during the past two years.



Debbie has been able to continue her Bible studies with young women in our house. This continues to be a great time of spiritual growth and mutual edification. She also is part of one of the women's groups at our church. In addition, many ladies come by the house on a frequent basis. We are thankful for the ministry that God has given Debbie to these ladies.

Although Carena is in an off year for school as she awaits attending Pensacola Christian College this fall, she has been keeping busy. She is singing in the university's chamber choir which just recently was able to sing for a special meeting organized by the state's organization of helping women who have lost their husbands to COVID learn a trade or start a business. Carena continues to take piano lessons as well. She has also been helping a friend prepare for her English TOEFL exam and other academic areas as God is leading her to attend PCC with Carena this fall. Since December, Carena has been teaching Algebra 1 to a girl on Zoom several days a week. Although teaching on Zoom is not ideal, it has been good for her. Recently she also began tutoring another girl in English.



Last summer we began a new project called "Go Global." This has been a dream of ours for many years. This project will take some of the training courses that we have developed in Spanish and translate them into other languages. Our primary focus with this project is indigenous languages. As we began the project, we had been praying that God would lead us to a language group that needed this type of resource. God opened our eyes to the Quechua language which is based out of the Cusco, Peru region. Over the past years, God has brought many students to Monterrey to study at the university from this area. This has opened up relationships into this language group. Each time we speak with a new person about taking the project into Quechua, the response is always, "We really need this now!" The project is much more involved than we initially anticipated, but we are seeing great strides forward in the first course. The first week of March, Russell and Jonathan Latham were able to travel to Urubamba, Cusco, Peru to meet with some who are already working with us in the project. We also met a number of new contacts who are interested in working with us to see the project completed! It was a wonderful time making a physical project more personal by making personal relationships with some who will be using the end product. The week ended with the special blessing of being in a Quechua church service. Although we did not understand the service, our hearts were overflowing with emotion seeing just one of hundreds of congregations that are hungry for sound Biblical resources in their own language. The majority of Quechua speakers do not speak Spanish. Please pray for this project and for the resources to continue. We have estimated that the first two years of the project will cost about \$35,000. God has provided \$25,000 to this point and we have promised monthly gifts for an additional \$3,000. We ask that you would pray that God would continue to provide so that these materials can be made available in Quechua and then in other languages in the future. Our goal is to raise the funds for the translations so that we can make these resources freely available.



God continues to bless the ministries here in Monterrey and throughout Mexico. We are working on plans for several training conferences and retreats throughout the next year. We continue seeing many use the video courses in Spanish. Recently, we were able to help a church in Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico get a Bible institute going in their church. It is exciting to see how God continues to grow His church.

We have all seen the news and have seen what is happening in Ukraine. As some may remember, a few years ago we were able to visit Ukraine a couple of times helping Slavic Baptist Institute setup recording their classes so that they can be used around the Russian-Ukrainian speaking world. Many of our friends in Ukraine are struggling. Please keep the churches of Ukraine in your prayers. Russell has been helping Missionary Derek Thomas edit some videos for raising relief funds for those who are in those difficult circumstances. They have setup a fund for helping those who are in need called "Compassion for Ukraine." www.compassionforukraine.com

We ask that you would pray with us for rain. Our area has not had rain for a long time and our water reserves are very low. We are now encountering water rationing where water pressure is reduced, and at least one day a week we will have no water. This is very a serious need for a metro area as large as Monterrey.

Thank you for your love and prayers,

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