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"Releasing the Church in His power, touching the world with His Love"

December 5, 2006

Dearest Friends,

Feliz Navidad!! We wish you all a joyous and blessed Christmas from Mexico! We pray that God's peace and His abundant life will fill your hearts and homes, as you celebrate the birth of Jesus and the fulfillment of the Father's plan to restore fallen man back to Himself. While we are aware that the birth of our Savior did not take place in December, it is still an opportunity to rejoice in the provision which God made for each one of us to have a personal relationship with Him, and to give to others even as He has given to us!

Needy Children Blessed

This past week, we had the privilege of sharing God's love and compassion with several hundred needy children in three area orphanages and one large work camp. Bob and Kathy Shelton drove down with 221 Christmas shoeboxes and 117 stuffed animals that we were able to share, which were put together and/or donated by churches and individuals in New Mexico.



A BIG THANK YOU to all who played a part in helping to make this a reality for these children!! Because of your willingness to sacrifice a little bit, many children were touched and blessed beyond what they could have asked or imagined. We want to extend our thanks to the Sheltons as well, for all their hard work in coordinating the Christmas shoeboxes in NM and for sacrificing to get them here to Mexico. This couple also stayed for a week to help reach out to the children with us and distribute the boxes & stuffed animals. *Thank you again, guys!!*

We were not able to minister overtly to the children at the orphanages for different reasons, so we simply prayed quietly for the children while we were interacting with them. We did this at the work camp also, but in the work camp we had more liberty,

so Dave also shared a short message. And we prayed for the group of children who came up for prayer. We also gave to the children small handouts about Jesus being the Best Gift of all. ☺



In most of the places we went, it was obvious that the children were pretty undisciplined and that they also had a lot of personal



“issues”. Working with them, even to play simple games, was quite a challenge!! In one orphanage it was also very obvious that the children were not very well cared for and did not get much personal attention. Many of the children in this orphanage seemed very oppressed and exhibited vacant expressions - like their minds and spirits were dulled and overshadowed by the weight of this oppression. Please keep the children at this orphanage in your prayers, especially. Thank you!!

Guaymas Youth Center Update

Thank you for your continued prayers regarding a building that is both suitable and affordable for the youth center (see the October newsletter for details about the youth center). So far, we have only found two suitable spaces to rent, neither of which looks affordable. The owner of one is asking the equivalent of \$2,000 per month rent and the owners of the other are asking \$1500 per month rent. At this point we have very little towards the rent and utilities of the youth center, so we do appreciate your continued prayers very much! We know that if the Lord is asking us to do this, He has a plan ... so we are continuing to seek Him, look for spaces to rent and trust Him to do a miracle!!



Other Prayer Requests

- **Please pray for the people of Guaymas and the surrounding region**, especially the young people. We are asking the Lord for a sovereign move of His Spirit in this place. We are praying for spiritual eyes to be opened, hearts to be softened, for the darkness to be dispelled in people's lives, the weight of oppression to be lifted and for God to reveal Himself in ways that cannot be doubted!

- **Please pray for the nation of Mexico, and its government** which is currently in transition. The new president, Felipe Calderon, just took office this past week. We have seen prayer change volatile situations here. So please pray for Sr. Calderon, the political situation and for this nation in general. Revivals have been started and miracles have been wrought through the prayers of one person - yours DO make a difference!!
- **Please continue to pray for us** - health and healing are a need, as well as divine protection, covering, enablement, grace, favor, provision, wisdom, discernment, guidance, and direction just to name a few things. Living solely by faith in a poor country and in another culture is frequently a challenge. We value your prayers more than you will ever know.

Upcoming in December

We will be traveling to New Mexico later this week to attend the wedding of our young friends Luis Soto and Maelvy Rodriguez in Albuquerque. We will be also sharing briefly about our ministry in Mexico with a church in Los Lunas. Then we will leave for Turkey, Texas, where we will be staying with friends Wendell and Dee Seitz while we teach on the prophetic and minister over several days at a church in Childress. From there, we head back to Albuquerque and family for Christmas and New Year's. We are excited because Lauren, Gareth, Hayley (our new grandbaby) and Justin will ALL be flying in from Great Britain to celebrate Christmas with us this year!! We're hoping to return to Mexico around the first or second of January, and are filled with anticipation about what the Lord has ahead for Lifeline Ministries in this next year!

A Final Word of Thanks

Again, we send Christmas blessings to each and every one of you! Thank you once again for your prayers and your support, as we continue to the best of our ability to lay everything we are and everything we have on the Lord's altar. We count it such a privilege to have dear friends like you, and pray that this next year is one of growth, change and blessing for you and your families. You all remain in our prayers. We encourage you to keep seeking, keep pressing in to God and keep holding fast to Him. He is indeed the only steadfast Rock in this ever-changing world!

With thankfulness,

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