



## guaymas, SONORA

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*Dear Friends,*

Christmas greetings from Mexico! There is SO MUCH to share with you, but first we want to express our deepest thanks for your love and support, and to wish you all a very blessed Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our wonderful Savior! A friend shared this sentiment with us in a recent email, "It seems to me that the longer I serve Him the sweeter He grows, the more that I love Him, more love He bestows." We couldn't have said it any better! If you don't have a really close personal relationship with Jesus today, we urge you to open your heart wider to Him and allow Him to come into those places that you haven't let Him touch in the past. He's knocking at the door of your heart, and asking you to let Him in all the way – not just part of the way in. We can guarantee you that it will be the best choice you ever made, and there couldn't be a better time than right now! Why put it off any longer???

### *Youth Center Update*

The restoration and building work at the youth center continues to progress slowly. The construction of the walls for the secure rooms and the roof additions, changes and repair are almost complete. We had to lift one whole section of the roof and turn it 90 degrees. Among other things, this entailed extending the metal beams that were there and having additional ones made for adequate support. Currently, Dave is welding the security bars for the doors and windows. Next will be installation of doors, building the windows, plastering, painting, building the cement counter and kitchen area for the cafeteria and so forth. We are very excited to see it finally taking shape!!! We are hoping we will be able to open the center by late February or March!



### *Christmas Shoebox Project*

We are thrilled to share what looks like our final counts for items to distribute this year to the poorest children in the area. It looks like we will have **331** Christmas shoeboxes, **183** stuffed animals and **94** beanie babies to share with the children, as well as miscellaneous school supplies and other items that were also donated for them. Hallelujah!! This exceeds last year's count by over 100 boxes and as many stuffed toys! This means we will be able to add the children in a NEW AREA, a village in the valley called El Cerrito, where some friends of ours have

planted a mission church. This ejido is not only very poor, but most of the people worked in the past for a large landowner nearby who would continually spray them with pesticides as they were working. They were told that if they wanted to keep their jobs, they had to keep working! As a result, there is an astronomically high rate of cancer, deformities and other diseases in the village. Another change for this year is that we plan to take some of the Miramar youth with us to the Guadalupe de Guaymas work camp and the Empalme orphanage, providing an opportunity for them to be a part of this outreach and ministry to children in the valley.



Due to some last minute developments, it appears that Bob and Kathy Shelton will be the only ones bringing these items down on December 19th. It is probable that they will not be able to fit ALL of the items in their vehicle, even with a car top carrier. So it looks like we will have to wait to distribute some items until we can bring the rest down when we return from a scheduled trip to NM in April. Please pray for green lights for the Sheltons as they come through the border with a FULL load of shoeboxes and stuffed animals. We are asking the Lord for green lights, favor, and for Him to go before Bob & Kathy and make the way for them! Thank you so much for your prayers!!

### *\*A Special Need That May Be of Interest*



If any of you would like to help with a special need, we have one to share with you. We don't normally ask for help with these kinds of things, but the situation is getting a little desperate! The concrete roof on our home, which is our ministry base (and is used for offices, counseling, youth meetings, prayer for the city, meetings with local pastors, storage of items to distribute to the poor, etc.) is still leaking like a sieve every time it rains (which has been a lot this year). The water pours in through the

light fixtures and even drips right through the concrete, flooding the interior of the house. The problem is gradually getting worse with time. We are reluctant to use ministry funds for home repair, even if it is our ministry base. Further, everything we currently have is needed to get the youth center open. For these reasons, we are sharing this as a special need. It is hard to explain the problem because this is a roof like no roof you have ever seen in the United States or in Britain! Suffice it to say we have had a number of professionals here look at it, and the consensus is that work needs to be done with brick, perlite, sand, and concrete to build up sections to divert water from all the areas which trap water, then add a new layer of elastomeric coating over all of it and put new canales (drainage holes) in the parapet walls, to make it drain properly and stop the repeated inundation. The best estimate we have received for this work is \$2600. Dave has already done all that he knows how and is physically able to do. We have had many personal things ruined, and had to replace hundreds of dollars worth of light fixtures (the fluorescent ones fill with water and then fry!!) so we are fervently hoping that somehow, someway we can take care of this problem before much longer. We'd sure appreciate it if you would pray about this need and see if the Lord would have you to help in any way. Please understand there is no pressure!! But if anyone *does* sense a prompting from the Lord to help with it, this would be really fantastic news. Should you wish to send something for this need, please make a note on your check that it is "for the roof". Thanks so much!!

## *Visible Fruit From Prayer for the City!!*



As you might recall, we have been praying for the city and region with another couple, Melina and Jose Luis Melchor, on Monday nights for something like 1 ½ years now. They are a couple with great discernment and revelation, big pastor's hearts, a prophetic anointing, and a calling to Guaymas that we believe will play a key role in what God wants to do in this city. They have also become some of our best friends here in Guaymas! Anyway, the four of us have invited others to join with us in praying for the city in the past, and others have come now and then, but in general the interest has been rather lukewarm. Meanwhile, we had also been showing the Transformations video to various adults and youth, believing that the Lord would spark a vision for the city through it ...

Then other leaders also began to show the Transformations video this last year, and one pastor in Empalme got so excited that he recently started a weekly prayer group for leaders in the two cities (Guaymas and Empalme). The specific purpose is to foster unity among the leadership and to pray for the cities and the people here with the goal of seeing the Lord bring real transformation. In fact, the prayer group is called "Transformaciones". Even one of the most opinionated and critical leaders we have had occasion to deal with here is now putting aside his criticisms and joining with others to pray in the interest of unity. Wow! Isn't God good?

Our ministerial alliance sponsored another campaña in the city plaza in November and some interesting things came out of that also. We had a breakfast with the evangelist and his team beforehand, which was attended by almost 30 pastors and leaders, both wives and husbands. Most were there ready and waiting before the evangelistic team ever showed up. One of the people on the team confided to Dee that this was extremely unusual, they had never seen this sort of response! The ministry in the city plaza went very well also with many people from around the city prayed for to receive salvation, healing and the Holy Spirit. The two of us had opportunity to pray for large numbers of people as part of the ministry team. We were as blessed to see what God was doing as the folks on the receiving end!! It was a fabulous week!

Another indication that the Lord is breaking through here concerns some of the youth. We received the blessing of Pastor Martín to take any Miramar youth that wanted to go with us to a special meeting at another church being conducted by a prophetic evangelist we happen to know from the states. **Nineteen** of the kids went, and most went forward during the service to receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit for the first time!! The Lord touched so many of them in powerful ways that we were literally in tears over what was happening and the goodness of our God. But there's more!! Four teenage girls we know of independently received what they can only call a "visitation" from the Lord while they were sleeping. The visitation was exactly the same for each girl and the message the Lord gave them was the same, and matched perfectly a prophetic word that Cindy Jacobs gave publicly in the states in August. We showed one of the girls' parents a translated copy of this prophetic word which we had on hand, and they were dumbfounded!! It was exactly what their daughter had heard from the Lord during her "visitation"!

## *Family News*

Justin and Sarah were asked this fall to be the new youth pastors at their church in Cardiff, Wales. They prayed about it and felt the Lord was directing them to accept, so they have now embarked upon a new adventure in ministry. They will need and appreciate your prayers!

Lauren, Gareth and baby Hayley (a.k.a. Loz, Gaz and Haz) were here for a two week visit in November. We had a wonderful Thanksgiving meal with three cultures represented: Mexico (Melina and Melchor), the U.S. (us and Lauren) and England (Gareth and Helen), with food from each culture. Lauren and Dave were asked to do a do a special worship number at one of the churches also, which they did in both English and Spanish. It was great for the two of them to be able to minister together once again!



## *Memorable Day with Miramar Youth*

While our kids were here in November, we also had a special meeting with the Miramar youth. We had lots of fun together, then enjoyed a time with Pastor Martín and his wife, Hortencia as he answered some of the questions the youth had about various things. We finished up with a big batch of pozole that we had made up at home, and hotdogs that Dave, the Master BBQ-er, cooked on the grill!! Here are a few photos from that day:



## Special Thanks to the Sheltons



We would also like to take this opportunity to extend a public thank you to Bob and Kathy Shelton for all their hard work with Lifeline Ministries again this year. What they do makes our ministry in Mexico possible! There are so many tax, banking and administrative type things that must be carefully handled because we are a NM non-profit and 501(c)(3) organization. These things cannot be done from Mexico because we don't have a bank account here and the mail service is not at all reliable. Bob and Kathy take care of these things for us, as well as shipping out resources and coordinating the New Mexico end of the Christmas shoebox project. We absolutely could not be doing what we are doing without their help! They don't receive a salary from Lifeline and, like us, depend upon ministry donations to be able to do what they do. Please join us in sharing a special thank you with the Sheltons this Christmas! If you would like to send them a financial gift, the check should be sent to Lifeline Ministries as normal, but with "NM office" on the memo line. That will let us know your gift is specifically for Bob and Kathy. Thank you!!

## A Final Word

We want to express our HEARTFELT THANKS to you all once again for your love and support this year. Your prayers, your friendship and your encouragement help to sustain us as we seek to break through the enormous number of physical and spiritual obstacles which we continually face. Nothing comes easy here! Thank you once again for your financial support of the ministry also. Your partnership makes it possible for us to touch many lives with the love of our precious Savior and the power of our mighty God. We believe the Lord has shown us there will be a multiplication as many of those whose lives are being touched through us will, in turn, touch many other lives themselves. For some, this will be in other parts of Mexico and around the world as Guaymas fulfills her prophetic purpose and destiny to be a city that raises up and sends out missionaries. To each of you we send joyous **Christmas** blessings and our prayers for a blessed new year!!

We love you dearly,

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