



For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 6:23

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Missionaries to Central America and Mexico



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus:

The Lord has been faithful throughout this year, and we give Him all the glory for what He has done through His power and strength. In the book of James the Lord says, "Be ye DOERS of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves".--James 1:22. Each year we do our best to know what God wants of us, then we do what HE says, and not what we think. Many are running to and fro looking for answers, not realizing that God is the only source of TRUE answers for us. Many follow well-known preachers around to different meetings, hoping to get some sort of guidance for their lives, and all the while Jesus is waiting to be their Guide. There are others who, according to Scripture, have "a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof". They claim to be following God, but deny His power. After you've seen miracles, this doctrine is really sad to see. God still intervenes in the lives of people, and He hasn't changed even a little. He'll never change, praise God.

The Lord helped us to distribute well over half a million pieces of Gospel literature this year. Some was sent to many different countries of the world by mail, some from the airplane, some on the streets and alleys of Latin countries, and some door to door in remote villages. The Lord has helped us to reach many new areas where we previously weren't able to preach, such as the prison in Ciudad del Carmen, where Bro. Roberto Cruz and some of the other Brethren from Chekubul have started what we can call a Church behind those prison walls.

We have managed to keep the correspondence Bible School going, and we've added students this year, for which we thank the Lord.

We want to thank each one of you who have prayed for the work down here, and for your financial support. As you know, it all takes money and material things, and there is no way around that. It has been a very trying year, financially, but God has seen to it that every need has been met. God helped us to see a real truth many years ago: "But whoso hath this world's good, (material things) and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, HOW DWELLETH THE LOVE OF GOD IN HIM?".--James 3:17 It goes along with what we said at the beginning, "be ye doers". If we love people, and if we really care and have compassion for them, we will do exactly what God says to do. If not, we'll only pay it lip service, and talk is very cheap. If our main concern isn't to reach out to those in need, we'd better change professions in a hurry.

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We pray that our God will bless abundantly all that you do for His Glory in the coming year. We've prayed for each of you who have written to us, and we'll continue to do so in the coming year. We pray this new year coming up will be the year in which we'll reach more souls than ever before. Time is running out for many, and we must be about the Master's business.

↓ Preaching to a street vendor in Mexico.



Our son, Scott giving Gospel literature to people on the streets in Mexico.



→ Giving tract to a gentleman as he eats his "elote" (roasted corn).



Please keep the churches in your prayers, and also remember all the new ones who have come to the Lord. Many terrible things are happening in Latin America, and there are many needs, but with the Lord we are "more than conquerors".

May the Lord richly bless you and yours,
yours in Jesus,

Bud, Rita, & Family

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