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Greetings in Jesus' Name:

The Lord never said ministry would be easy, although it would seem so by what many call ministry today. We have developed ways to avoid the suffering Jesus talks about and we have learned to pick and choose work that is more agreeable to us. If we suffer **with** Him, we will also reign **with** Him.

Mission work begins where you are right now. It begins with the city or town you are in, then proceeds to other regions. It has no bounds and it has no limits. We have ministered for years in certain countries where it was "against the law" to preach salvation, but we had to say what Peter did - "**You** decide if we will obey God or man."

It is no wonder many, many countries are now closed to the Gospel. They do not need what most churches call the "Gospel." Many years ago, Bruce Olson had great results among an Indian group by building **round** church buildings after his denomination had refused to build anything but rectangular, American-looking buildings. When Bruce talked to them, they said, "Everyone knows God is infinite - never ending, so we want **round** buildings." By becoming "all things to all men" to save some of them, he won many to Jesus.

Basically, what "revival" means now is that we go and get our sheep from other flocks and attempt to show why that is God's way of awakening the country.

We are not against TV ministry - Rita and I have preached many, many times on TV, and many villages and towns have used our teaching videos over the years. Television, however, is only one of many tools we can use. A TV preacher said the other day that Jesus could come at any time because **his** program is now broadcast "all over the world." What about the **billions** who do not have a TV set? Did you know that in most foreign countries, when they finally do get a TV, they watch filthy TV just as most people in the USA? The truth is that television probably has done more harm than good.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:

Although tropical storm "Chantal" did not cause much news here, it has caused much damage to roadways, farms, and crops in southern Mexico. Please pray with us that roads will be passable for the meetings this month, and that all those who have planned to come will be able to get there. Several meetings had to be cancelled due to the rain.

Also, we are in need of several vehicle parts for our church vehicles. These parts are only available in the USA and we hope to take them with us on this trip. We just spent another \$800 on the van, but it has developed other problems, such as the exhaust manifold and other parts. It is what we have to travel in, so keep us in your prayers as we drive the 3,000 miles to minister this month.

**PRAISE REPORTS:

Many, many have been healed in ZAPATA, LA PITA, BALANCAN, SAN GERONIMO, and several of the colonias. The **best** news is that souls have come to Jesus in almost every service. We thank God for your concern for others. Someone was concerned for **your** soul, and without your love for others, we would not be sent to them. May the Lord bless you, your home, and your business as you bless His work.

We love you in Jesus,

Dud, Rita, & family