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Dear Faithful Friends and Co-laborers in Christ:

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*Psalm 126:3 "The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."  
Psalm 34:3 "O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together."  
Psalm 34:8a "O taste and see that the LORD is good . . ."*

Wow! The Lord has given us a great two months! What a blessing it has been to serve Him and to see His hand so evident. We had some wonderful meetings the first two weeks of March in the eastern part of the state (some new churches and some old churches). I am still working to fill in dates for this summer where we plan to be out on the road for 9 weeks. Please be praying for God to prepare hearts and that we will see God provide in miraculous ways this summer.

We also want to PRAISE the Lord for providing a "new" 2004 12-passenger express van to replace our 1998 15-passenger Dodge van that was wrecked the beginning of March. The Lord spoke to some men's hearts to make this possible — thank you!!

We had a group scheduled to come the third week of March to do the remodeling work on the Calvary Cottage (12'x36' 1977 mobile home). They sent money ahead to order the new vinyl windows and to purchase the vinyl siding to replace the old aluminum. They were also bringing men to help totally re-wire the mobile home to eliminate the fire hazard of old aluminum wiring. They were bringing three vehicles of people down to work and two of the three broke down by the time they got to Fort Worth, Texas. So, they had to turn around and go back! They have graciously offered to still send the monies that they were bringing to help finish the project up, which is a blessing. So, now all we lack are laborers to help get this project completed! In the past, it seems like we can find laborers, but lack funds to do any projects. Well, now the tables have turned and we have funds but no laborers! Please pray if God would have you to help by taking your vacation time to come get this project completed. Since it is on the stateside, you do not have to worry about a passport.

The first full week of April saw us pretty much in the same predicament as another work group had to cancel due to some unforeseen circumstances. This project was planned for doing some remodeling work on Pastor Melchor Najera's church building in Reynosa, Mexico (just 12 miles across the border). This is a small, poor church and since we had already spoken to the pastor about the group coming, we strongly felt that we needed to follow through as best we could with whomever we could. So, Patrick Williams, a 17-year-old Senior High school student flew down here from Alabama for his senior trip to help us. Bettina and I went, as well as, the Krehls. The second and third day we had two extra sets of hands help — Pastor Gary Albright (a local pastor) and Bro. John Tuttle (a full-time Texan from our home church in Iowa). There is just not enough space to tell about all that God allowed us to do! See our new blog for the before and after pictures (<http://www.blog.vibm.org>). We finished up Wednesday and Pastor Melchor had a dedication service on Thursday afternoon. It was a very moving service for us as Pastor Melchor, with tears in his eyes, said that he had been praying for 5 years for someone to come help them on their building and we were the FIRST ones that God had sent! How heart-rending to think of how close he is to the U.S. yet no one had ever gone over to help! We did what we could and are trusting God to speak to other's hearts about doing what they can to help this small church. Maybe you are the one that the Pastor is praying and waiting for next! If so, contact us and we can share more of his needs.

We are getting ready for a group of 15 teens from South Carolina to arrive next Tuesday to help with our Day of the Child outreach. Please pray for God's blessing and safety as we go across. As I am sure most of you have heard, there is much violence in our area right now. We are very cautious as to when and where we go across. So, we have had to re-think and re-plan for next week's outreach. We want to be safe, yet want to be effective in our ministering also.

We had a very special blessing the past two days. One of our supporting pastors and his wife, Pastor Tim and Judy Tiffner, came from Alaska for a 2 day visit. As we showed them the ministry and shared with them what God has been doing here over the past 8 years, it was a fresh reminder to us of how much God has actually done. Isn't God so good?!? We would LOVE to have you come for a visit too — bring a passport and we can even show you some of the churches across the border!

Thank you for your faithful support and prayers! We are getting ready to set another record month this month in our housing. One national family here right now commented this morning of how much the ministry has grown just over the past year! At times, like now, we are literally bursting at the seams!

P.S. Sorry, no room for pictures this time (see blog instead)!

In His Service,  
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