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Dear Faithful Friends and Co-laborers in Christ:

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Once again we want to THANK each of you for your faithful support and prayers. We know that God is always there but it is an added blessing to know that we have you faithfully standing with us in prayer and support. Times are so hard for many, but we cannot give up yet! "Rest if you must" but do not quit! There is much to be accomplished yet for the Lord!

We were so GRATEFUL to be safely back home on July 21st after 9 weeks on the road! After 18 states (plus Canada), 24 different churches and 20 some beds, we can truly say that "there is NO place like home!"

We have hit the home front running! Please PRAY as there is much work to be done and our finite bodies are doing their best to keep up with the demands. We are very GRATEFUL for the Lord sending Bro. Gene and Sister Rita Krehl our way last year. They had their work cut out for them while we were traveling trying to keep everything running smoothly in our absence. They took off for 2 weeks the morning after we returned home to help their son move in Tennessee. We missed them while they were gone. They just got back and are already planning another 5 weeks away as they will be helping fill in for another missionary while they go out in meetings.

Please continue to PRAY for the unrest and violence that seems to be escalating here along the border and even in the interior of Mexico. We have not been able to go across since we got back 2 weeks ago because we had not been able to purchase Mexico insurance on our new ministry van yet. We will be doing so this week though as the 9th annual fall ladies retreat is coming up on September 10 & 11. Please PRAY for our safety as we go across and as we finish up the final preparations for this. Please go to [www.vibm.org](http://www.vibm.org) to view additional information about this (under "up-coming events"). The main thing that we are lacking is monies for food both days. The Lord has provided everything else already.

Even though we have not been across since we got home, God is opening up opportunities of ministry right around us to the Hispanic population here. I preached both services Sunday before last at a small Spanish church (Iglesia Bautista Gracia) here in Donna and will be preaching again both services on August 22. I am GRATEFUL for this opportunity that the Pastor has given me while he is away.

Also, this last week saw us at Cornerstone Baptist Church here in Donna each evening helping in their V.B.S. program. I was able to help in the main skit each night and filled in the gaps in other areas as well. Bettina played the piano and headed up the crafts. The largest attendance was on Friday with 85 children. Our estimate was that 90% of those were bus kids (all Hispanic, except Meagan — she was the only "gringa"). The kids loved it and did not want it to end! We also enjoyed our time there and trust that God will water that seed that was planted in so many hearts.

We want to thank those who gave the back-to-school items. We had enough items for 125 bags. We were not able to personally go give these out since we do not have insurance on the van yet, but Pastor Julio came by this week to pick up the fliers for the ladies retreat and we were able to give them all to him to give out at their V.B.S. last week.

We are homeschooling Meagan this year (she is a sophomore). Please remember her (and us) in PRAYER. This will reduce the stress in some ways and replace it with stress in others, but we are trusting that this is what God has for us this year. She just started Driver's Ed today also — so we will really need your prayers! PRAY also as we are seeking to find a small vehicle for her so she will not have to learn in the big truck. We have been looking around but everything in our price range is almost on its way to the junk yard. But, we know that God has something out there.

Christmas is right around the corner — we know that you did not want to be reminded of this, but it is! Instead of enclosing information, go to our website and click on the file(s) under "Christmas Shueboxes" if you are interested in participating this year. We have also put a 1-page file with labels that you can either print on plain paper or Avery Labels 5160.

We truly COVET your PRAYERS! God knows all our needs that we face on a daily basis. We desire His strength and wisdom to carry forth on the path that He has set before us!

**PRAISE: We have a group of men wanting to come in October to do the work on the Calvary Cottage. It will be a blessing to get this completed!**

In His Service,  
**Jeff, Bettina and Meagan Shue**

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