



The Shue Family

~ Serving with Valley Independent Baptist Missions ~

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Dear friends & co-laborers,

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Wow! It is hard to believe that we are already at the mid point of 2011! God has brought us through MANY trials this year, yet we are rejoicing in ALL the innumerable blessings as well!

Please continue to **PRAY** for the **situation in Mexico**. We have recently learned of a couple of more missionaries leaving the field and others choosing to take an early furlough. Even though we have seen a decrease in Americans coming through here, God has been giving us MANY new opportunities to minister to the nationals who have been coming through our area. One missionary said, "Words could not possibly express how much we appreciate you all and this ministry. Thank you for your generosity and care. This is an amazing work!" Even though times have been tough, we are still offering all of our services to God's servants FREE of charge. When we have ones here, such as the young national family who is here right now, we are reminded of why God has asked us to serve in this manner! God has freely given to us and freely we give to His servants!

We are moving full speed ahead in our **preparations for furlough**. We will be leaving the Valley on July 22 with 5 meetings on the way — arriving in Richfield, NC on August 1st. We have been trying to pace ourselves and spread out the packing and preparations as we are still carrying a full schedule in the ministry here. Please **PRAY** for **God to fill our schedule with meetings**. I have called around 60 pastors the past 2 days and have only gotten 1 meeting booked so far! 1Thessalonians 5:24 assures us that "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." God has definitely done the calling, the timing and the placement of our furlough. We did not plan to go out at this time, but God had other plans. Also, to clarify things (as rumors are already going around) ... we are NOT leaving the field! We are going on furlough through June 2012. We have not initiated this, but God has and it is not our intent to leave permanently (unless the Lord returns during this time)!

Please **PRAY** for:

- 1) **Convicting power of Holy Spirit** ... the Lord gave me a wide open door to witness to a local store owner a few weeks ago. It was the day before "the end of the world!" **PRAYING** that God will water the seed sown!
- 2) **VBS** in Roma, Texas at Iglesia Bautista Bíblica with Pastor Jorge Briones. We feel that God has led us to this family to help them in their need for teachers and workers. They have also asked us to drive our ministry van to help pick up children. Since it is an hour and a half drive (one way), we will not be coming back and forth every day. Please **PRAY** for our need for gas funds (anticipating around \$200). We do not want to be a burden on this church.
- 3) **Fall ladies retreat** in Reynosa, Mexico is scheduled for September 9-10. Bettina's heart is greatly saddened as she will not be able to be there — and this being the 10th year! God has led her to ask Sister Sheila Velez, pastor's wife of Iglesia Bautista Colonial in Mission, Texas, to take her place in coordinating and moderating it. Even though Bettina will not be able to go, she is still collecting items for door prizes and gift bags for the ladies. If you would like to help with this, please let Bettina know ASAP (956-457-7937 or jeffnbettina@gmail.com). **Items will need to be shipped here NO LATER than July 31st.**
- 4) **Furlough meetings** — we are trying to contact supporting pastors and then trying to fill in with as many new churches as we can. We are looking for not just regular meetings, but mission's conferences and even opportunities for Bettina to speak at ladies meetings. We can be reached at 956-457-0853 or jeffnbettina@gmail.com. **PRAY** as we desperately need to raise additional personal support. We knew that the amounts coming in weren't covering our needs well and then we recently discovered that we have had another half dozen discontinue our support due to their finances. Only one pastor had called us so we weren't aware of any others. We know many are struggling, but we also know that we serve an Almighty God!
- 5) Plans are still on for the **yearly Christmas coloring book & shoebox ministry**. The Barnetts will be spear-heading this this year. Be making plans now to be a part of this tremendous opportunity to reach out with the Gospel. More info will be sent later.

PRAISES:

1. Our property is now **tax exempt!** Thank you so much for your prayers! God is faithful! We will have to pay the first quarter's taxes for this year but that should only be around \$600. We will also continue to have yearly taxes on the back 3 acres, but since we were able to switch it over to "Ag use," it will be **very** minimal (around \$40/yr).
2. We also were able to get a consistent **food supply** set up for the missionaries to have food to eat while on the property. They cannot take it to Mexico, but it is a huge help to just have it here as eating out is quite expensive.

**** Please note that we have a new e-mail address (effective immediately): jeffnbettina@gmail.com ****

Gratefully His,
Jeff, Bettina & Meagan Shue