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Dear friends & co-laborers,

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“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say, Amen. **Praise ye the LORD.**” Psalm 106:48

We are **deeply grateful** for each of you who faithfully and regularly pray for us! What a blessing to know that you are interceding on our behalf! We have so much to PRAISE the Lord for it is hard to know where to begin!

- 1) **PRAISE** the Lord for allowing us the **opportunity to minister in Iglesia Bautista Biblica** in Roma, TX (an hour and a half from our home) **mid July for their VBS**. When Pastor Briones shared with us their desire to do VBS but needed workers, God immediately impressed upon our hearts to do what we could to help. We tried to round up a church group to come down and help, but God had other plans — no group was found so it ended up being myself, Bettina and Bro. Luke & Sister Skyla Gwyn from Weslaco. When the Briones told us that they had no workers, they were not exaggerating! The week was not without its trials, but what a JOY to be able to serve, to know that God was in control and to know that it was not all in vain!! We wish there was space to share everything that God did that week, but we will say that **God was there and performed miracles before our eyes!!** PRAY as the pastor follows up and works with **those who made professions of faith** that week!
- 2) We left the Valley on July 22 heading to NC for **a year furlough**. We **PRAISE** the Lord for safety in traveling and also for the meetings along the way (reporting to supporting churches and also presenting the ministry in some new ones). We left home with not enough money in the bank to make it to NC so it was a special blessing to see God not only provide the monies needed through these meetings, but also for some other pressing financial needs that we had.
- 3) We **PRAISE the Lord for His goodness and provision** thus far. To be honest, we have gotten off to a rough start. We are in a TOTALLY new era today than we were 15 years ago when we started deputation! Even though we have gone out each year for several weeks, we have not experienced anything like this. It has been a **struggle to adjust!** There are churches almost beside every tree in these neck of the woods, but getting a hold of the pastors is nigh unto impossible as most apparently do not spend any time at their churches and we do not have personal contact information. So, whenever we do not have a meeting scheduled we have been visiting new churches. This is a slow process! We have also found that even though missions is alive and well on the field, it is not so in many churches here in the states. It is so sad for us to see how Satan has used the things of this world (the “economic crisis”) to so easily deceive God’s children. Yet, we are continually inspired by the churches in Macedonia “How that In a great trial of affliction ... their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power ... and beyond their power they were willing of themselves ... for if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.” (II Corinthians 8:2-3, 12) So, we truly covet your **PRAYERS in these days as we face these challenges!**
- 4) **PRAY** for God’s continued provision! We have not been able to keep a consistently full schedule like we would like. But, God has assured us that He will “give us day by day our DAILY bread.” (Luke 11:3) We ask for you to please **PRAY with us for God to supply the meetings and offerings** that we need. We realize that it is not in the **QUANTITY**, but the **QUALITY** of our contacts! God has led us to some dear churches who are remaining faithful in their giving to missions despite the difficulties. **PRAY for God to lead us to more of these churches.**
- 5) **PRAISE for the great 10th annual fall ladies retreat in Mexico!** Bettina was so sad that she was not able to be there this year, but is very thankful for Sister Sheila Velez being willing to step in mid-stream to be able to have it this year. There were 80 ladies in attendance and many shared how God had blessed them through the retreat. **PRAISE the Lord for a couple of the children getting saved** who came with their mother! Bettina is already planning for next year. She has even had one request to hold a retreat here in the states while on furlough. **PRAY that God would give her more open doors to minister to ladies.**
- 6) Christmas time is upon us! Please **PRAY for God to supply the shoebox gifts** to give out in Mexico. So far we know of several churches in Texas who are sending gifts. If you are planning on sending some (and are not one of the churches in TX), please let us know ASAP!! **All gifts need to be sent to the border no later than October 31** to allow time to get them to the national pastors. Also, please **PRAY for God to supply to be able to print the Christmas coloring books** again this year. The national pastors are crying for materials and were so excited last year to be able to use these as a tool to share the Gospel message!

More and more churches are getting their people personally involved by “adopting” a missionary to correspond with and to pray for. We enjoy so much hearing from the different ones and knowing that they are praying for us! If you or someone in your church has e-mail, please let us know so we can keep in touch — our contact info is in the letterhead (snail mail still goes to Texas)!

Gratefully His — Jeff, Bettina & Megan Shue