



Merry Christmas

"... God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him."

1 John 4:9b

September October November 2018

When we look back on the 39 years we have been in Juarez we can't help but think of how God has blessed us through those of you who have upheld us with your prayers and support, and seeing the fruit of young men and women going to different parts of Mexico, Argentina, South Dakota, Indiana, California, and Nebraska to serve in different capacities.

Yolanda had faithfully attended our church for over 30 years and in October God took her home to be with Him. She had 11 children, of which 2 daughters (Betty and Diana) married two brothers, Cruz, missionary in



Sandy Yolanda Cruz's mother

Tijuana and Daniel, pastor in South Dakota. We ask that you pray for her unsaved husband, Demetrio. A daughter is taking care of him and she told us Sunday that he says he thinks he is going crazy. Here are pictures taken last Christmas in Tijuana.



Bob and Demetrio, Cruz and his father

Another funeral. Pilar had taken care of her paraplegic brother for 15 years. He went home to be with the Lord last week and as we were having a service in the funeral home another family in an adjoining room asked if we could officiate for them as they had no one. What an opportunity to comfort them and present the Gospel. A number acknowledged that they wanted to be saved.



Pastors and missionaries from all over Mexico came to Juarez for the yearly national fellowship meeting in November with this year's theme being "Missions". Here's a picture of the Bible Baptist Church choir that sang for the meeting. The theme was "Factors that Impel Missions". Some of the topics were Compassion, Vision, Faith, Prayer, Initiative, Economics (provision and correct use of

funds), Co-laborers, and Wisdom were some of the topics preached which proved to be informative and encouraging to the national missionaries of which there are 8 to different places and tribes in Mexico and 7 to 5 countries- Spain (2), Argentina (2), Bolivia, Guatemala, Kurdistan.

Here is a message we received recently from Lidya Madriz from Venezuela, whom we won to the Lord over 40 years ago in Caracas.

“Pray ‘mucho’ for our country. We are going through very hard times, the children hungry (eating only once a day), without medicine, many without shoes. This government has us in misery. But we see the Lord’s hand everyday among the Christians. Pray for Caicara del Orinoco where we had our Vacation Bible School last year. It is flooded. We know that God has control of all that happens to us. May God bless you greatly.

Matthew 25:35-40 ³⁵ For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: ³⁶ Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. ³⁷ Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? ³⁸ When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? ³⁹ Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? ⁴⁰ And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”

This year they were able to feed the children with an offering sent for their VBS. We have a way to send them offerings if anyone would like to give for this need.



This year’s VBS in Venezuela.

Last Saturday their church had a special meal for 25 soulwinners. The soulwinners group was a lot larger but many have migrated to other countries. It is a blessing to know they are faithful and active in serving the Lord in spite of the trials. The attendance is low on Sundays because of lack of transportation. Those who live near come, but many leave their house and return because of lack of transportation.

As we mentioned in our last letter, please continue to pray with us for an open door to start a mission with Juan and Veronica.

Thank you for your faithful support and prayers as we enter 2019 - another year to serve the Lord! We will pray for you as you pray for us. “And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” Gal. 4:9

In His service,

Bob and Sandy

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