

May - June 2025

Dear Pastor and Friends,

Every year time seems to be moving at a faster rate! We are at the halfway point of 2025 already. We have, for more than a few years now, experienced what could be described as 'pressure' to get more done, beyond the usual desire to accomplish more each year. Just a few days ago, Gloria expressed how that she is feeling this pressure also. Of course, some of this is due to aging, but because of world events, we also seem to be racing to the final countdown, that is, the glorious return of our Savior King, Jesus Christ!

This just serves to push us harder to do all that we can to get God's Word to as many as possible. We must give everyone we can an opportunity to learn of salvation in Christ!

Because of the above, we have delayed sending this letter so that we can report to you dear people, that **we shipped another 1.86 million portions of the words of hope**, (God's Word), into Mexico yesterday afternoon. This load includes 900 whole Bibles, and multiplied thousands of gospel tracts and booklets. We were also blessed to be able to send 100 very nice padded chairs, which are going to a newer church work in the city of Leon, Guanajuato. This shipment brings us to a total of approximately **7 million portions of scripture sent out** of our little ministry so far this calendar year.

Interestingly, the truck was due to arrive mid-morning, but didn't show up until early afternoon. It was raining very hard all morning, which makes loading the truck very difficult as we do not have a loading dock and are not able to load without moving a short distance outside. However, the Lord brought the rain to a stop just before the truck arrived, and amazingly started coming down hard again literally minutes after the truck pulled away. It's marvelous how our gracious God oversees even the smallest of details, helping us get the job done. Can we remind you good people, that each of you, through **your prayers and financial support, are a huge part of this soul winning effort**. It won't be long before we are standing before the Lord, giving account for how we spend our time and our money! My friends, don't loose sight of this precious truth! Your prayers, your sacrifices, your faithful efforts to reach the lost will be recognized to the very slightest detail!

We leave in a couple days to go preach in the church in Mexico, where we sent the chairs, then to participate in a world evangelism conference, also in Mexico. We ask your prayers that our Father would use us to be a blessing and a help, as well as giving us a greater vision as to how we can do more to thrive in 2025!

Speaking of thriving, we are pleased to report that <u>Gloria is doing much better</u> and is only using crutches or a walker to balance herself now as she is moving around quite nicely! More answered prayer!! She is still not up to any kind of traveling yet, but she is able to do for herself for the most part. We are hoping that we can begin to have some of the grandkids visiting later this month before they return to school in August. Seeing as how my housekeeping skills are apparently lacking, everything is better with Gloria being able to do for us again. (Personally, I suspect she's gotten tired of my cooking and cleaning abilities.)

We are still praying and investigating about doing shipping containers of scripture to other parts of the world. And have learned that we can do so from here at our location in Texas at a lower cost than from many other parts of the country because of being much closer to the port in Houston. However, loading a container by hand is much more labor intensive than loading a truck with a forklift and a pallet jack. We would need to recruit helpers to get the job done, and there are other details involved as well. But our God is sufficient to the task, and as He opens the doors of service, we can and we must step through them by faith. Your prayers are essential to our ability to accomplish any of this. Of course, these things will take considerably more finances, but greater still will be the need of serious prayer by God's people. Prayer can accomplish what money cannot! Oh, how we need your prayers!!

At the market ministry, things have slowed down dramatically. As many of you know, we normally distribute thousands of gospel tracts and booklets on a weekly basis. BUT, **a couple weeks ago, I.C.E.** (the immigration enforcement people), **appeared in the market parking lot**, which didn't surprise me. It did however cause quite the commotion and led to the disappearance of most of the visitors, who are predominately Mexican. So, the last couple weekends have been rather slow. The only thing that bothers me is that there are so many fewer people getting the opportunity to learn of salvation in Christ Jesus through this aspect of our work. This is our regular time of soul winning on a personal basis, which we enjoy so much.

We cannot adequately express our gratitude to each of you as very many of you have stood by our side for so many years and through so many difficulties. We are convinced that in this ministry we are more productive than ever, for the cause of souls, through the distribution of the Word of God. We find constant encouragement in knowing we have you there alongside with us!

Thank you for your heart for souls and the glory of our God!

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