July – August 2023

Dear Pastor and Friends,

Blessings upon blessings! It is a great honor to be privileged, to serve in some small way, our great King, Jesus Christ! As is usual, I will try to summarize the activities of the past two months, even though it would require a number of letters to tell all that our Lord has done.

First off, we had a bit of a chaotic flight to Guatemala in the final days of June, but our Savior graciously worked out the details, allowing us to arrive late, but in time to begin the scheduled distribution of Bibles and soul winning literature we had previously shipped there. The first missionary to receive the scriptures, who is based in Guatemala City, was supplied with 50 boxes of Bibles, 350 boxes of Romans booklets, and 55 boxes of gospel tracts. These Bibles and scripture portions have nearly all been distributed already. One of the ways was through **an open door to speak in a number of public schools** by this missionary, where he was allowed to hand out Bibles and Romans booklets to the students! Wow! Can you imagine an American school allowing that? **What an amazing opportunity!**

We then gave 20 boxes of Bibles, along with a large supply of Romans booklets and tracts to a Christian gentleman, Armando, who lives in Virginia, but flew down to meet us with the express purpose of trying to reach his hometown of Pasaco, near the pacific coast. He has distributed all which we gave him in only a couple weeks, though we personally only stayed there for one day.

Then we travelled to the city of Chiquimula, near the Honduran border, where we were able to get a truck to carry the remaining scriptures for distribution. This missionary, among other ministries, was blessed to be invited to **preach and distribute Bibles in the city’s police station!** Again, can you imagine that occurring here in the U.S.? The supplies we have sent to Guatemala have already nearly been exhausted, and we are praying/planning on getting more scripture down there as the Lord allows and the finances arrive. **What a blessing is yours and mine, to be a part of all this!!**

We then returned home in early July, for just ten days, only to turn around and fly down to Guanajuato, Mexico for a Missionary Training Camp. I was honored to speak during that camp, and to preach in the Church there in the city of Irapuato. While there during the camp week, we went out to a different village, or city, each afternoon, witnessing and passing out scripture. There was some street preaching, a lot of soul winning with a number of decisions for Christ, and then, in the city of Juventino Rosas, my partner and I met a lady who was in a leadership position over a half dozen rehabilitation centers. She asked us for a supply of scriptures, then invited a young Mexican preacher to come and preach in those centers on a regular basis! At the present, there is no Bible preaching church in that city of 80,000. But the Lord has apparently opened a door there, and **we prayerfully expect that a church can be planted in that city in the very near future**. I know it shouldn’t surprise me, but I am still constantly amazed by what our God does when we simply obey his command to be a witness! And yes, you dear folks have been an invaluable participant in this soul winning, church planting, gospel preaching ministry!

Next, I had been praying that the Lord would allow me to get another shipment of scripture down to Guanajuato before the end of the month of August. Well, we have a truck arriving tomorrow, the 31st, (the last day of the month), to pick up that load! Included in this supply of scripture are 300 boxes of Bibles, 85 boxes of New Testaments, and the rest of the 24 pallets are Romans booklets and gospel tracts, which were supplied by at least five different printing ministries. Included also are **100 backpacks fully loaded with school supplies for children**.

I am continually thanking God for the shipping container, which we purchased with your help, and which is giving us space for storage, as our little warehouse is literally overflowing! Yes, 24 pallets are shipping tomorrow, but then I have another 12 pallets coming in immediately afterwards. Thusly, we’re still praying and planning on enlarging our warehouse, so that we may be able to keep up with the need before us. **Please help us pray** in the donations needed for this project, as well as the funds needed to ship containers to other countries as well.

Speaking of which, apparently, Nicaragua is politically closed for us at the moment, but prayer can and does change things! Would you also pray for this need. The **people of Nicaragua are open** to learning about salvation in Christ, but the country needs God’s intervention to open the doors politically, so that we may supply the missionaries there with the scriptures they need to effectively evangelize their communities.

Again, please continue to pray for printers and collating ministries, as these are our only source of supply. More churches need to get involved in this kind of work if we’re to have any hope of truly reaching the world around us with the Word of God! It is the only hope this lost and dying world has!!

We are, of course, indebted to you, for providing us with the prayer and financial support we need to continue our ever expanding ministry. We quite literally could not do this great work without you! **Thank You!!**

Your missionaries,

Jack and Gloria Ferguson

Reaching into Mexico and beyond!