November – December 2023

Dear Pastor and Friends,

 Unbelievably, another year is ‘in the books’, and our Lord has not yet returned! There is no doubt that He will return, it’s just amazing to me that He is still patiently waiting for the perfect timing! However, because he hasn’t come back, we have before us, manifold opportunities to continue serving Him, thereby improving our future regarding our rewards for service. While we remain here on earth, we can continue in a life pleasing to Him, and bring more souls into the family. I, for one, am greatly anticipating 2024, looking forward to wonderful things happening in the ministry and in the world around us! Let me therefore, take a few minutes of your time to recap what our heavenly Father has done with and through the Gospel Transport Ministry…

 To the best of my reckoning, over 13.5 million pieces of scripture were shipped, and distributed, through this ministry since the first of January, 2023. This is the result of the efforts of countless workers, throughout numerous ministries.

 A good example of how God has recently blessed us is that He has seen fit to send us another faithful helper in our market ministry. This was **a huge answer to prayer**. The busiest time of the week at the market is Sunday morning, and this good man has decided that he would commit to coming out to help distribute scripture each week. Please realize that through this simple ministry, thousands of gospel tracts, booklets and Bibles are placed in the hands of **people who desperately need Jesus!** Added to this, of course, is the network of distributors, which the Lord has sent our way. Numerous preachers and godly soul winners come by our warehouse constantly to resupply for soul winning ministries on both sides of the border. A great example is a phone call I received on Sunday afternoon, from my friend Alfredo, (who just happens to be the man God sent our way to do all the cement work at our warehouse), asking for **Bibles to distribute to immigrant children** being held nearby. They have secured permission for these children to attend church services, even though they are effectively being held in a semi-incarcerated situation. They are getting the Gospel of Salvation in Christ, and gifted a complete Bible… **because of your faithfulness in prayer and financial support** of the work we are blessed to perform here in the Gospel Transport Ministry. On behalf of a multitude of immigrant children being held here on the border, **THANK YOU!**

 In addition, the greater part of our ministry is in the shipping of Bibles, tracts, and other scriptural materials across the border by the truckload. Our last load of the year was to the city of Mérida, Yucatan, Mexico. We had 15 pallets sent to us for one particular missionary, but that would have been just over a half a trailer load. So, by God’s amazing grace, we were able to put another 9 pallets on this trailer, which was divided between two missionaries in the same area, thereby multiplying greatly the quantity the gospel influence at the same cost! Again, **it’s you dear folks that made this possible**.

 2023 has brought much growth to the Gospel Transport Ministry, which has been aided immensely by your generous support, but has also brought the need for even more warehouse space. In answer to prayer, we are expecting to be able to increase our storage space with another building project this new year, to meet the demands placed upon us. Please help us pray as we look to our heavenly Father for the approximately $40,000 necessary to put up another 60’ X 40’ building, which will be added to the back of what we now have. We await only God’s provision, certainly to be brought about through your prayers!

 Oh, that you might truly understand the tremendous value of what your investment of prayer and offerings are accomplishing for the Spanish speaking world through our partnership in reaching the lost, strengthening the saved and thereby increasing the harvest of souls. I pray that you are sharing with us in a spirit of excitement concerning the coming year! To God be the glory!!

 Dear friends, we are so obviously coming into the ‘home stretch’ of our race. Time is running out! The need has never been greater, but then, the opportunities have never been greater either. Together, let’s look to the Lord and determine to do all that we can this year for our blessed Savior… it might be our last chance to do what we can. Will you accept the challenge with us? Remember, God is able… but we need to be willing!

 Happy New Year, and may our great **God bless us as never before in 2024!!**

 Thank you for all you’ve already done, and for what I know you’ll continue to do for our Lord!

Your servants,

Jack & Gloria Ferguson