

January – February 2025

Dear Pastor and Friends,

Wow, two months of 2025 is gone already! Time is moving so fast now, and the end of all things is closer every day! By God's grace, we have been able to stay productive, steadily advancing in our efforts to get God's precious Word into the hands and hearts of as many souls as possible. As we constantly affirm, we are totally dependent on our Lord and His wonderful servants who make our ministry possible... **That's you, my friends!** From the printing ministries, on through to the soul winners who faithfully put those Scripture portions into the hands of those who so desperately need it. Together, we are making the difference in thousands of lives for all eternity!

In the last few weeks, we received 100 very nice padded chairs for a mission work in the city of Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico. This ministry has finally been blessed with their own building and some of their ministry partners decided to bless them with this donation. We will add the chairs onto the next shipment of Scripture going to Guanajuato, which will probably occur near the end of March, or early April. <u>Help us pray that there be no problems with the importation of these chairs</u>, as our respective governments seem to be butting heads politically, which is often translated into a battle at the border, with both the importation and exportation of numerous products. What's the answer? PRAYER!

Also, just last week we received a shipment of **1.5 million gospel tracts**, which are destined for a distribution center in Tamaulipas, Mexico, (not too far across the border). We hope to get this shipped out this coming week. These tracts will then be distributed among a great number of soul winning ministries throughout northeast Mexico. Tamaulipas is considered to be a "no go" area of Mexico because of the violence in connection with the cartels, but because of fearless soul winners, many souls are being won there, and we have the privilege of supplying them with gospel tracts, which helps make that happen! I can't say this often enough... You are an essential part of this great work, and we pray constantly that our Lord would bless each of you accordingly.

Now, allow me a moment to express **a growing need** which directly affects our work. Many years ago, I was able to obtain an old, used forklift, which is truly a necessity for loading and unloading the hundreds of pallets of Scripture we move each year. Anyway, this old forklift is getting very, very tired and it was recommended that the expense of maintenance and repairs would likely exceed its worth. That said, our work here would come to a stand-still without it! So, we are asking for prayer regarding possibly finding another forklift, a financially accessible one, with which we can continue this very needful ministry. If you know of one, please let us know, but definitely help us pray, because I'm sure our heavenly Father knows of one! Consider that each of the pallets of tracts we just received, and will be loading onto a truck in the next few days, weighs about 2,500 pounds each, having 256 boxes of tracts on each pallet. We are not afraid of work, but the time and effort necessary to hand-load each pallet is simply not a viable option.

On another note, our efforts to reach farther than Mexico are coming together also, as we are putting together <u>a shipping container</u> <u>of Scripture for Guatemala</u> along with the much-anticipated container of <u>bi-lingual New Testaments for Pakistan</u>. We of covet your prayers regarding these efforts, that they might be realized this spring.

Lastly, our work in the open-air markets here along the border slowed down these past couple months. Between the cold, (at least, cold to us in south Texas), combined with the recent political changes, have apparently conspired to reduce the attendance at the markets. Most notably, a great reduction in Hispanic attendees. However, this past weekend, at least partly due to the weather becoming very warm, we saw an explosion in the numbers of people, and thus a wonderful increase in gospel tracts being handed out. From distributing hundreds of tracts, we handed out thousands of tracts in just a couple days, winning some folks on the spot, and getting the truth of salvation in Christ Jesus to multitudes of souls. What a blessing it is having to struggle with having more people coming past our booth than we can attend to!

As has ever been the case, help us pray for workers in this field, which is definitely 'white already to harvest'! Thank you, thank you, **a thousand times, thank you** for your investment in this great work!

We remain your servants in Christ, Missionaries Jack and Gloria Ferguson

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