

the Fergusons

GOSPEL TRANSPORT & DISTRIBUTION INTERNATIONAL

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Dear Pastor and Friends,

So many things are happening in the world these days, so of course, some of it is bound to have an effect on our ministry, such as new problems regarding the shipments of scripture into Mexico. I am mentioning this simply because it is directly related to what we do. The majority of our ministry has been getting Bibles and evangelistic materials across the border and into the hands of pastors and soul winners throughout Mexico. Basically, the Mexican government implemented new requirements with the new year for moving large quantities of pretty much anything across the border. Their premise being, trying to control dishonesty and corruption at the border, which I certainly understand, but it has also caused us considerable difficulty. Our ministry does not have a problem directly, but indirectly regarding the receiving churches and ministries which being forced to get a **'donation permit'**, thus requiring the pastors and missionaries to get this permit from the government, and I am told it could be as long as 6 months just to get an appointment! This came as a great surprise to us as we endeavored to send a truckload across in January, and we have a number of loads pending for the coming months... our encouragement is in the fact that this situation did not surprise our Lord! Please help us pray that we can get everything worked out on the Mexican side and continue to supply the life changing scripture to these spiritually hungry people.

By God's amazing grace, we are still sending a considerable number of tracts and booklets across the border through a number of individuals, a couple dozen boxes at a time. Since the first of the year, **hundreds of thousands of tracts, booklets and Bibles have gotten into Mexico** in this manner. We were doing this even before we began shipping truckloads across as the rules are very different with individuals carrying relatively small amounts, compared to a semi-trailer full.

In our last letter, I mentioned that the container of scripture for Madagascar was expected to have been shipped by now. Well, everything here is ready, the supplies have been gathered, the needed finances are in place, but our missionary friend has asked us to delay shipping until this coming summer. I don't know all the details as to why this is, but I trust the missionary has solid reasons for this. So, in a sense, **your prayers have been answered, but at the same time, please keep praying** regarding this delay.

Now, we will be focusing more on getting a container of scripture into Paraguay sometime in the not-too-distant future. I have a wonderful friend with a printing ministry who has agreed to help bring this about, but we're still working on legal importation requirements, etc. we have a good man in Paraguay who is willing and able to receive and distribute the scriptures, but we must find a trustworthy broker there who can help us facilitate the importation of these materials. This is different in every country and it is basically essential to have some type of broker to make things happen without too much cost and confusion at the port. Again, **your prayers will be a great help to us**. I am sure the Lord has the right broker in place; we just have to find him!

Please keep the need of a larger building in your prayers as well. Even more now as we must store more scripture as we work through the new requirements from the Mexican customs people. We are regularly offered supplies of scripture, but because we are not able to move larger quantities at the moment, I must tell these printers and suppliers to hold off on sending them to us, and I despise the idea of saying no to receiving God's word!

Finally, on a personal note, my wife is doing very well with her health and we are rejoicing in our Father's goodness in this regard. However, for myself, I have been dealing with some issues for a number of years, one of which came to a head last November. So, I am scheduled for a minor surgical procedure next week. I am not anticipating any dramatic difficulties, just having to take it easy for a few days to recover. They will be using anesthesia, which is a mixed blessing... I won't be awake while they cut into me! But there is always the threat of complications related to the anesthesia too. I would very much appreciate your prayers for the surgery itself and of course for a quick recovery so I can continue with the ministry God has so graciously placed us in.

Thank you, dear friends, you are making a difference in countless lives and your reward will be wonderful!

We are, as always, your servants for Christ,
Missionaries Jack and Gloria Ferguson

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