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Greetings in Jesus' Name!

As always, I trust that you all are finding the Lord Jesus more precious with ever passing day. With that in mind, our urgency to serve Him is before us and the fields are white unto harvest. The situation here in Mexico is as dangerous as ever and that gives us more reason to be about our Father's work. As you all know, there are no police at all in General Teran and now the soldiers have taken ALL the police from Montemorelos. It is like living in a lawless and wild country.

With the situation, as it is in Mexico, it is hasn't hindered our attendance. We are growing and people are being saved. We personally know of fifteen missionaries that have left Mexico and I'm sure they left for legitimate reasons. We have been asked, "Why do you not leave Mexico," and my response is that the Lord has not given me liberty to do so. I/we do not stay because we are so brave, courageous, righteous nor do we want to be martyrs but it is simply because of the peace that He has given us to stay. Do we have fear? Yes, every time our eyes and heart are not stayed on the Lord Jesus and His promise that He will never leave us nor forsake us.

My heart has been greatly saddened with the home going of Josefina (the oldest member we had). The church was packed for her funeral service and I had great liberty to present the Gospel to her family and friends. Also a dear friend (Charles Ragain) from MI went home to be with the Lord. He was my friend and had been helping us from the beginning of our work for the Lord in Mexico. He made many trips and brought down many things for the work here. He made many friends and is greatly missed.

We have always had scripture reading at the beginning of every service and we do this by asking for volunteers. Papi Juan (70yrs) has started volunteering, along with his son, to read. That may not seem like much but to stand in front of the congregation and read the Word of God is a big step for him. He has come a long way since he accepted the Lord. Things like this will not make headlines but we see growth in our people's lives and that growth translates into them have more confidence to witness to others and the result is that we are growing.

I requested a submersible pump in our last newsletter and the Lord provided one for us. It is in the well pumping much needed water. Thank the Lord for His goodness through His people! Now I have another two needs. **First**, our hot water tank is about to the point of no return. I have been welding holes but the tank is getting so thin that it is very difficult to stop the leaks (cost \$250.00). **Second** need is a bladder (cost 200.00) for our bladder water tank for our house, church and Tim's house. The tank is the water tank for all three. If the Lord gives anyone liberty to help in any of these, we will be very appreciative and thankful.

Our daughter (Rebecca Joy) has left Monterrey and now is working in the US. She had a very nice house and liked her job but the violence had moved into her neighborhood and it had become very dangerous for traveling to and from her job. Her place of employment was bombed and other attacks. This never hit the headlines either but it is a common occurrence in Monterrey. I am very thankful that she isn't living and working there anymore.

The invitation, as mentioned in our previous newsletter, to construct a building on the US side of the border to serve as a place for Tim and his family to go **in case** they had to leave Mexico for a short time and would also serve as a storage building is still an open invitation. Fret not, we also need your help in Mexico also and we would love for you to come down.

In every thing give thanks and we thank each one of you for praying for our safety and for the Lord to bless His work here. We need your constant prayer! Pray without ceasing!



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In His Service,
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Philippians 4:4 - Rejoice in the Lord always: [and] again I say, Rejoice.