



# John & Barbara Strang

## Serving in MEXICO

Home Church  
Faith Baptist Church  
Bath, SC 29816

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Greetings in Jesus' Name!

I trust that all who receive our newsletter are finding great reason to praise and thank our Lord Jesus for His mercy, kindness and His abundant love that He bestows on us everyday of our lives. We do serve the ONLY living God!

God is still blessing us, in spite of the violence that is all around us. We now have a family of five coming (father, mother, two sons and daughter) to church. Mexican people are like all peoples; the lost has to first see that God is real in the lives of those that are proclaiming the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. Our church services are doing very well and we are growing but not in a whirlwind but more so steadily and methodically.

We asked for a hot water heater and a bladder for our household water tank and they were provided to us and now we have hot water and the water flowing to our house and church once again. The Lord is good!

When I presented a work project that was needed in the states, I received some response but nothing concrete. One group that was very interested, had to re-think their plans because the coordinator's wife had heart by-pass surgery and on top of that she had a stroke. My brother and a group from his church are thinking about coming next fall, Lord willing. I honestly believe that it would be safe for a group/groups to come to MX and work also. We would really like to finish the children's home building. We need close to \$5,000.00 to put laminated wood flooring in the building. Not everyone can work with floor tile but many can handle wood flooring.

Out with the 1965 and in with the 1987. Testimonial Baptist Church gave us a diesel bus that has power steering, power brakes and air conditioning. All works except the AC and we want to get it fixed and that would be a super blessing in the hot summer. The bus is legalized and has Mexican tags. Our people don't want to ride in the old '65 anymore. The '87 is much more comfortable.



Please continue praying for the Lord's protection for us and for the Mexican brethren. The cartels are constantly trying to recruit young people to work for them (male and female). It has become much more personal because we now have two grandsons that are teenagers. Please remember them and us when you talk to our Lord Jesus.

Thank you for your faithful support over the years and without it, we could not have been here serving the Lord for close to thirty years. The work has grown and has need of more financial support but as of last month, we have suffered a loss in monthly support. Some churches have had severe economics problems and have had to make adjustments, as they deemed necessary and many times that means the foreign missionary is either cut back on monthly support or just dropped from their church missionary budget. It doesn't matter about how it is worded because the results are the same. Missionaries totally depend on God's people to stand with them as they leave everything and serve Him on the foreign fields. Some things can not be avoided but where we can be faithful, we should endeavor to do so with all of heart, soul, mind and body because souls are hanging in the balance and the foreign mission's soldier (missionary) is depending on his or her supporters, as do our fine soldiers of the military fighting for our freedom and protection while putting their lives in harm's way in combat for our freedom and liberties of the United States of America. We also have left family and love ones behind to serve the Lord Jesus in places that have put ourselves, our wives and even our children in harm's way but it has to be done because, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" Romans 10:13

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In His Service,  
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**Psalms 118:1**

**O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever.**