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Missionaries to The Rio Grande Valley and Mexico – For We Are Labourers Together With God I Cor. 3:9

June 30, 2016 – Camps and VBS’s

Dear Praying Friends,

Mexico: Since we began our ministry, it has been full of “special” days, and weeks of activity. When we first went to Mexico in November of 1978, our first job was to plan a camp for Easter week of 1979! (We have our camps in Easter instead of the Summer because most people get off at least 3 days of the week before Easter Sunday).

We had been to camp as a youth, but never had we had to direct one. Camp in Mexico is much different than it is in the US. We not only have to find a place, but clean it (in most cases fumigate it), then get the bedding, cooking, meeting, sports and first aid areas ready, staffing them as well as getting all of the food and equipment that is needed. We also took care of getting the transportation, lessons and special speaker. For the last four years, the nationals have done most of the work on their own. Because of security problems, some camps were held at the church (like an all day youth meeting for two or three days), and some had to be canceled all together. For the past 2 years, things have calmed down a bit.

This year, 135 youth from our churches went to El Carmen, Nuevo León, a new place about 20 minutes out of town, and with nicer installations. The down side of the camp this year was that there was a forest fire close by, and they had to evacuate the camp a day early! Praise the Lord for His protection, and more than that, for the 3 souls that were saved and 4 that were baptized! On Easter Sunday Bethesda Mexico had 437 in Sunday School!

McAllen: Another “special week” in our calendars are Vacation Bible Schools. In Mexico, there will be from 10 to 13 VBS’s this year. This is our third VBS in McAllen. We had an average of 60 with 3 souls saved! This is the first year that we did not have to have any outside help! I thank the Lord for Michelle, for her hard work in getting the lessons ready, and the 15 adults that were able to do the job. To the right is pictured the closing ceremonies on June 12 and to the left the workers.



Bethesda McAllen averaged in the months of May and June 72 in Sunday School, 45 on Sunday nights and 35 during our mid-week services. We averaged 17 going out to witness and the Lord has given us 4 souls saved in services and 4 on visitation! On Mother’s Day we had 84 in attendance and on Father’s Day we had 79! Though the Lord has blessed, the devil is fighting and we ask that you pray that God would give us wisdom and pray for this new work.

In Him,

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Thank you! - “Gracias!” (Spanish) “Teinkiu” (Spanglish)

You make it possible for us to reach Hispanics on both sides of the border!