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Dear Friends,

We are slowly getting back to normal here at the Texas-Mexico border. Our church is still practicing social distancing and mask-wearing, although we will soon be loosening some of the measures in place. This has not stopped us from serving our Lord, though! We just finished up our Children's Day celebration. Children's Day is a special day celebrated in many countries around the world. Children get gifts and often have parties. We were able to celebrate at church during our evening Children's Church service. This year the event was a team effort of all Sunday School teachers and a few of the children's church helpers. Our theme was "Game Show Night." We played a Jeopardy-style game with questions about Bible doctrines. This way, we could reinforce Bible doctrines (they also learn Bible doctrines in the Sunday School lessons I write) and see what doctrines we need to review . . . all the while, the kids are having fun! We played some other games as well, and the kids enjoyed pizza, chips, and cupcakes! Each child also got some sweet treats and two toys as a gift. Something special we also did was to have Bible Character costumes! Many of the kids, and all of the workers, dressed up as someone from the Bible and we all tried to guess their names. The kids had great fun and asked if we could have a special program like this every week. I couldn't help but laugh at the prospect! I'm sure glad they had fun and saw a gospel illusion lesson, but it sure would be tiring to do a big event every week!

We have not started our choir back yet. Please pray for us as we continue to look for a building for our church. I'm sure more room would make having choir in these difficult times easier.

Right now, I'm working on our next big project for the kids. Vacation Bible School! Our theme this year is "Kingdom Chronicles" by Answers in Genesis. This year no translation work is required, as they sell that one already translated into Spanish. I'm very thankful for that, as I usually have to translate material. We will have in-person VBS this year, as opposed to our online VBS last year. We will, of course, have to make adjustments due to the small size of our building and post-covid life. But every effort is worth it because our Savior is WORTHY! Please pray for enough workers for our VBS and also our Summer Fest on the Sunday following VBS. We will be trying some new things for our Summer Fest this year, including a cakewalk. I know that will be a big hit! Who doesn't like delicious dessert?!

Thank you all for continuing in prayer for the ministry in the Rio Grande Valley.

Also, pray God would open a door for us to minister to the many refugees coming through here. What an opportunity to reach many people for Christ, whether they are here for years or just a short time.

Here are some photos of Children's Day: