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Dear Friends,

Things have been extremely busy around here lately! We just finished our VBS. We were able to hold VBS in person this year, and we all had a blast! Our theme was "Kingdom Chronicles" by Answers in Genesis.

They had the materials already translated into Spanish, so I was able to take a break from translating this year.

We learned about the armor of God, and I think I learned as much as the kids! I was able to teach the children's class, and Daniel Jones headed up the adult/teen class. Every day we enjoyed seeing a skit with a dragon, hearing a lesson from the Bible, playing games, eating a snack, and doing crafts. The Sunday after VBS, we closed it off with our annual SummerFest.

After church services in the morning (a lady accepted Jesus as her Savior), we went outside to enjoy hot dogs, tamales, nachos, snow cones, and ice cream! Then there were carnival-type games where the kids could earn coins to spend in the "toy store." This year we tried two new things. We rented an inflatable water slide, and we had a cakewalk. Both were a big hit! The kids loved cooling off on the water slide, and the adults enjoyed trying to win one of our 13 cakes! We had 13 delighted winners at the end of it all.

We had many people working very hard to make VBS a success this year. Around 18 people came up at least once during the two weeks before to help decorate. Our church looked like a medieval castle by the end! We even had a 3-D castle, dragon, and dragon's egg as decor.

During VBS, over 28 workers came faithfully to the services to work in a class, crafts, snacks, games, nursery, or as a photographer. It takes a team of people to keep it all running smoothly, as I'm sure those of you who do VBS know very well. It's exhausting by the end, but it's worth every bit of work! If one child, teen, or adult comes to understand and appreciate a part of God's word more, it's all worth it. It's an excellent bonus if someone comes to know Jesus as the One who died for their sins!

Now that VBS is over, we will hopefully begin choir again, providing that we don't have new restrictions due to the rise in Covid cases here in the Rio Grande Valley. Would you please pray with me that we can start singing together as a choir again soon and that I would have wisdom in leading the choir again?

Also, pray for the church as we are in the process of purchasing a building! We are hoping and praying to be able to move into a larger place very soon!

Thank you all for your continued prayers and support. I appreciate you all and pray God blesses you greatly!

Here are some pictures of our VBS: