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Isaiah 55:11

So shall my word be that
goeth forth out of my
mouth: it shall not return
unto me void, but it shall
accomplish that which I
please, and it shall prosper in
the thing whereto I sent it.

Hello Friends!

“Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble and keep on praying.”
Romans 12:12

This verse has been on my mind a lot this year as life can be unpleasant and not all moments are happy ones. I am thankful that we have a reason for joy that helps us have the right perspective on our life situations. The connection to our heavenly Father through prayer sure gives peace that I need! We are thankful to everyone for all the prayers and notes as we helped our daughter with the loss of her husband.

Life at the children's home has been pretty routine thankfully! We have been loving the wonderful help that Isai and Wendy Pena have been this year. They committed to working with us until the end of June at which time they would see what the Lord was wanting them to do from there. Unfortunately for us they have decided on another direction. They will be going back to their hometown to take over a church and work with their family. We are very happy for God's direction for their family, but we are sad to see them go.

We started the new school semester with Ruth, a certified teacher, coming to give the children assessment tests to check their progress so we could help them better. There were lots of good play days outdoors with new lines on our “soccer field”. Of course, it wouldn't be typical desert without the wonderful sandstorms that keep everyone inside. Thankful for indoor games and a big gym!

At the end of April, we had a group of ladies that came from Catalan, Mexico to help out and to run a Bible school for a week. They were a wonderful blessing in so many ways. Their days were spent helping clean and organize. It never ceases to amaze me how much of the desert ends up in every nook and cranny! They also bagged up the clothing that has been donated into outfits for each age group to be handed out. We had a wonderful week of Bible school, complete with crafts and snacks. Two of the ladies even gave haircuts to all who wanted them. One little guy wanted absolutely nothing to do with a haircut but his mother insisted. It took

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several ladies to hold him still! It was very funny and he looked adorable when he was all done. At the end of the week we celebrated children's day with a group of people from a company in Juarez that brought each child a gift and pizza for lunch.

i was also able to get a picture with the first two girls we had at the home. Cinthia and Pricilla are doing well and are starting families of their own.



May 4th we were able to partner with Mickey's church, El Buen Pastor, to prepare a breakfast for the pastors that came for a large mission's conference that was held at the main church Esperanza. It was a great morning and I got to meet several missionaries from southern Mexico.

In between all of the "fun stuff", many repairs were made. Swamp cooler maintenance, last of the new bathroom fixes, odd wall in the apartment removed and several showers that had broken pipes were repaired. Of course our year wouldn't be complete without at least one van repair! this time it was a new starter and fly wheel.



We ended the school year with a celebration of the kids. We had a special hot dog meal and brought each child to the front of the room to brag on their accomplishments and let them know how their lives made ours better. It was a fun and emotional day. Each child was given a new backpack filled with supplies to start the new semester in the fall.



This fall we will be taking on a group of Tarahumara Indian children. These are children who have been pushed aside and given the bare minimum in education. They have basically been given a one room schoolhouse for 60 children. Over the years we have had several Tarahumara children at the home and have gained the communities trust. We feel these children need an education as well as the Mexican children if there are going to succeed in life. As in all of our endeavours one of our main goals is to show these children the love of Christ and to ultimately see them saved. Please pray for this outreach as we work on the details.





On July 7th a group of 8 came from Fellowship Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio. They hit the ground running that evening having their first of 5 Bible clubs for kids at 5 different sites. During the day they helped do some cement work at Pastor Osvaldo Rodarte's church to help get a bathroom area complete. We were also able to clean, prime and paint the entire kitchen and dining room area at the home. Lots of other small things were done as well. On Saturday we held a pastor's breakfast with Pastor Tony Liuzzo and his son Logan speaking. It was a great time of fellowship. Sunday we were able to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Mickey church, El Buen Pastor. After a wonderful service, meal and of course cake, the group toured the historic downtown area of Juarez. The group left on Tuesday the 14th tired but happy. It was hard to see them go. I have a video of that week if anyone would like to see it. It's also on our facebook page.



It's been a fantastic year so far with lots going on. We are looking forward to the rest of the year with the children new and "old". New things in the works include working with DAI (Development Associates International) to train a few pastors to give a marriage seminar. This curriculum has only been available in English and has finally been translated into Spanish. This is a much-needed training in the church. Please pray for this, for the pastors we are asking to be our first group and for Howard and I as we will be doing the training as well.



This month we are also in full swing with our Christmas Gift Bag collection. This is a large undertaking and I am already anticipating a larger number of children names to come from our churches. I have been asked by several pastors who haven't asked before about deadlines to turn in names. This project has grown from Joy Raymond and I filling 50 brown lunch bags with trinkets on her dining table in 2011 to hundreds of bags made in a large fellowship hall! We could use more churches to partner with us in this. Please email or text me to see how your church or small group can help.



As we endure this summer heat our thoughts are gearing up for the fall. New semester brings new things. Please continue to pray for us as we rely on God as we make our plans. We have a very large need for a newer van for transporting the children. The 2005 van we have was used when we got it quite a few years ago and it is not only continuing to "nickel and dime" us to death it is starting to use up our quarters too! We have been saving up anything extra that is sent in but that is slow going. Please pray about what your or your church may be able to do. We aren't wanting a new van but we definitely are in need of something newer. This is our most pressing need. We thank all of you for your prayers, notes of encouragement and monies received. We are truly grateful for all of you.

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