

Hebrews 13:16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others.

Spring 2010

Dear Family & Friends,

Hallelujah, He is Risen! Many blessings to you at this wonderful time of year when we worship a Risen Savior.



In January we left Colorado with about 24 special wheelchairs for children with Cerebral Palsy and Hydrocephalus. (Water on the brain) As you can see from the picture on the left, we really had a lot of chairs and the van was full of them as well. We also had walkers and canes for the adults. Monte and Jenny Hanks from Pueblo, CO, returned to El Paso with us. We fitted and gave seventeen children one of these chairs. It was a very rewarding experience to see the children's faces light up to receive a chair and to see Moms and Dads so happy. Many of the children, ages 3-16, had never had a chair before. We watched Karen, (picture on right) teach herself with one hand, how to use her chair. She

couldn't use her other hand. Before her family left, she was able to come to us across the room. We cannot describe how



beautiful that moment was to us. It bought tears to our eyes and we are so thankful to all the people who sent money for



Karen and these children to have these chairs and to give them a better future. Jasmin (picture on left), goes to school and is learning English and other subjects. She surprised us by counting. (Many of the children can't speak) She is a very happy little girl and loves the Lord. After giving her the chair which is purple, she told us her favorite color is purple. God knew. ☺ Along with the

chairs, the families also received lap blankets, tote bags for the chairs, Bible and tracts. We really appreciate the people who made or gave these items. The family was very thankful for your kindness to them. Pastor Jose was able to speak to the families about the Lord.

A seminar and adult wheelchair give away is planned for April 9-10 that will have Mary Jane Ponten speak about the "Disability and the Church." Mary Jane is 80 plus years young and has Cerebral Palsy and has spoken to many groups in different parts of the world. She is passionate about getting the message out that God has a purpose for disabled people and their service to the church. We are expecting many people to participate in this event. Please pray that God will open the hearts of those who need Him and they would accept Him.

We want to gratefully acknowledge and thank the generous, anonymous donors who sent us cases of Bibles and for the booklet “El mensaje de esperanza” They have been well received! Many blessings to you.

In our last letter, we stated that Pastor Jose had many children in his church with no building to have Sunday school classes. Mike and Ed of Longmont, CO, took it upon themselves to construct two patio covers, one for



Pastor Jose and one for Pastor Carlos, Chon’s pastor. Here is a picture (on left) of Pastor Jose’s patio, linking his home to the church. He has over 120 children each Sunday.

Pastor Carlos feeds up to fifty children three times a week with no shelter so this was a big blessing to Pastor Carlos and the children. (Picture on right of Pastor Carlos, Ed, & Mike)

Juanita told us the other day that she led a soldier to the Lord while at a check point. This was very exciting news to us. We have been able to be witnesses of Christ to the soldiers and given New Testaments to them. New Testaments are a perfect size for the soldiers as they keep them in their uniforms to read. There are a lot more soldiers that need New Testaments. If you would like to donate more New Testaments, please send them to *Border to Border Missions, 1605 George Dieter #687, El Paso, TX, 79936*. We have meant fellow brothers in the Mexican army and tell them we’re praying for them and their country. They tell us “Thank you” and they really appreciate that.

I recently had ladies activities making greeting cards with Juanita’s (picture on left) and Claudia’s ladies.



(Picture on right)
There were many from Claudia’s church (Pastor Jose) and I was expecting the usual 12-15 from Juanita’s. Imagine my surprise when 29 showed up.



May you all have a blessed Easter,
Jim & Barb

Praises

*Continued church growth
Pastors working together
Safety in travel*

Prayer Requests

*Funds for wheelchairs
Funds for Border to Border
Funds for Hetzels
Success of up coming seminar
Violence to end in Juarez*