

December 2011

Dearly Beloved Brothers in Christ Jesus:

With all our being we hope that God's Grace is strengthening you every day and that we can be an extension of that for those in need.

We are very grateful to God for the work that He is doing through you and through us. We are jars of clay and the glory is for Jesus.

During 2011, God has continued opening doors for preaching the gospel:

--We celebrated several baptisms in June

-- We have a name for our group of believers, Spring of Life

--We watched painfully as some of our brothers and sisters separated themselves from our fellowship because of their poor personal decisions

--We supported Antonia on the sudden death of her younger brother

-- We celebrated Betty being able to have parental custody of her children after seven years (Praise God!). As a side note, on the very day that we met her, more than a year ago, she had talked with a witch who had predicted misfortune for the rest of her life. One of the predictions was that she would never be able to have custody of her children again. She trusted in Jesus, and found her strength in Him. In November she saw Jesus as her Sovereign Good King who blesses and is in control. Besides that, her partner, Abel, an ex-worshipper of the demonic death cult, has trusted in Christ and they both want to honor God by getting married.

--Eli, a new believer as of six months ago has just had the blessing of seeing her husband Antonio saved three weeks ago. The 10th of December he had promised to put up an altar to the Virgin of Guadalupe in his home, having already invited many to a big party in her honor. But God showed His will through His Word and they decided to honor God instead. Then they had the challenge of "un-inviting" the people they'd invited, but God took care of that. Everyone cancelled on the last day. God is amazing! Please pray that this family completely establishes themselves in Jesus. And pray for us as a group of families. Without a doubt the devil is angry and has desired to cause discord within us. **We deeply need your prayers to be watchful and alert.** We are committed to caring for each other.

As a hobby we have enjoyed putting puzzles together. God is an expert at doing just that. The difference is that He knows perfectly the whole picture of our lives and He knows exactly where each piece goes. We only see one step at a

time, walking under His guidance. We have sought for the best decision through prayer and through the counsel of a wise group of elders in other churches, who have given us spiritual and legal coverage.

God has made it clear that the ministry in Irapuato should be full time for various reasons, including caring for ourselves as a family; traveling back and forth every week would consume a lot of energy; we would be able to focus on developing our ministry in Irapuato; and most importantly, because of our children. (As an example, the entire month of December they were unable to use the internet in Amealco because the library was closed for inventory. Consequently, Betania and Daniel were not able to do any of their class work.) We are thankful to God that the Hower family wants to be responsible for the care of the believers here in Amealco and they will continue on with the work. We have told the believers here in the group, and although they are feeling very sad and are somewhat fearful, they are aware of the need that we have as a family and understand that a good Biblical leader must demonstrate how to care for his family.

Prayer Requests:

Please continue praying for the brothers and sisters in Christ here in Amealco. Without a doubt they are an intimate part of our lives, and they need time to adapt to the change.

Please pray for the ministry in Irapuato. We have started working there part time and there is much work ahead of us.

Please pray for the actual move and all that is needed in setting up our household in the city. We need to be all moved in by the 18th of January.

Please pray for Enrique's mother, who has had an emotional and physical crisis. It is probable that we will try and travel to see her at the end of the year.

We need wisdom about how to adjust and figure out the actual level of schooling of our children. They will probably need to repeat this year because of all the classes they have missed.

The honor and glory and worship is for our Jesus, who came to give us life and life in abundance. May He be the center of all our celebrating this Christmas. We wish you a blessed 2012.

"Behold, a virgin has conceived, and shall give birth to a son, and you shall call His name Emanuel, which means, God is with us." (Matthew 1:23)

Lovingly,

Enrique, Blanca, Daniel & Betania Colorado