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Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you very much for your faithful support. We need your prayers as never before.

On Friday March 22, I made a visit to a long-time church member, Bro. Antonio Moreno, who had just been released from the hospital. He had had a stroke. When I arrived at his daughter's house where he is staying during his rehabilitation, he asked me to witness to his son-in-law, José Luis Hernández. José Luis listened as I presented the plan of salvation. He prayed and asked Christ to save him. José Luis went to church on the following Sunday and made his public profession of faith. On Monday, April 1, ten days after being saved, José Luis was in an auto-repair shop having some work done on his car. Three men drove up, and thinking that he was an employee of the business, shot and killed him along with two of the employees. It is assumed that the owner of the business has been involved in drug traffic and that this was a revenge killing for a deal gone bad.

Over one hundred people were led to Christ before, during and after José Luis's funeral, including many members of his family. Marlén, José Luis's wife, told me that she had seen a remarkable change in her husband during the days after his salvation.

I was impressed with several thoughts when I received word of José Luis's sudden death. First, it is sobering to think of how close this man came to missing heaven. Second, I wonder how many other people to whom we have witnessed have shortly thereafter departed this life, although we were never made aware of it. Third, how many people have we FAILED to witness to, having had the opportunity, and who have gone out into eternity without our having given him or her the gospel? Fourth, the randomness of this act of violence is somewhat common in our area. God has protected us from such incidents and this underscores the importance of your prayers for your missionaries who live and work in dangerous places. Thank you for praying for us.

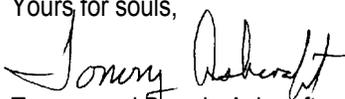
Mexican schools were out for Easter: the week before and the week after Easter. For many years during that first week, we have had an intense schedule of training in child evangelism. Bro. Marco Turriza, one of our graduates and a full-time evangelist, organizes and oversees these training sessions. Included in this program is preparation for how to conduct a 5-day-Bible Club. During the second week, we take these workers to different locations of the city and have Bible Clubs. This year we held 35 clubs. 2,228 attended and 1,595 trusted Christ as their Savior. The following Sunday, April 7, we had a "Big Day", with 912 in attendance. 61 adults and 144 children made public professions of faith in Christ.

Graduation day for Mount Hebron Bible Baptist Institute is Wednesday, May 15. We would be honored if you could visit us and see what your missions giving has accomplished. The men and women who finish their training here go all over this country spreading the gospel, starting and working in soul-winning churches. You will be blessed to have a part in that service. Let us know if you need information concerning travel and lodging.

Brenda and I do not take a traditional missionary furlough which means taking a year every five years to visit supporting churches. However, if you would like for us to visit your church and report personally to you, just let us know and we will be happy to schedule a time to do so.

Thank you, again, for your prayers. We appreciate your efforts to keep up your financial support. We do all we can to make your sacrifice go as far as possible in reaching the lost and training workers for the kingdom of God.

Yours for souls,


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