



Christmas, 2012

Dear Praying Friends,

We just finished our fall campaign at Mount Hebron Baptist Church. It was a true success. Our people worked hard to bring visitors and have people walk the aisles for public professions of faith and/or baptism. We are so happy to report to you that 332 visitors attended during the eight weeks of the campaign, 299 made public professions of faith and 48 were baptized. We thank the Lord for a soul-winning spirit in our church which continues to grow as our Christians mature in the Lord.

We are preparing for our annual Christmas Bible Clubs, which will be held on Saturday, December 1. We divide up into teams and go into 23 different neighborhoods inviting the children to attend the clubs. The vast majority of the children who come would never have the opportunity to ride our church buses, but are allowed to go down the block to hear a salvation story and receive a bag of candy. Please pray for a great harvest of souls this year. Missionary Barbara Davis is providing over 3,000 gift bags to be given to the children who attend the clubs.

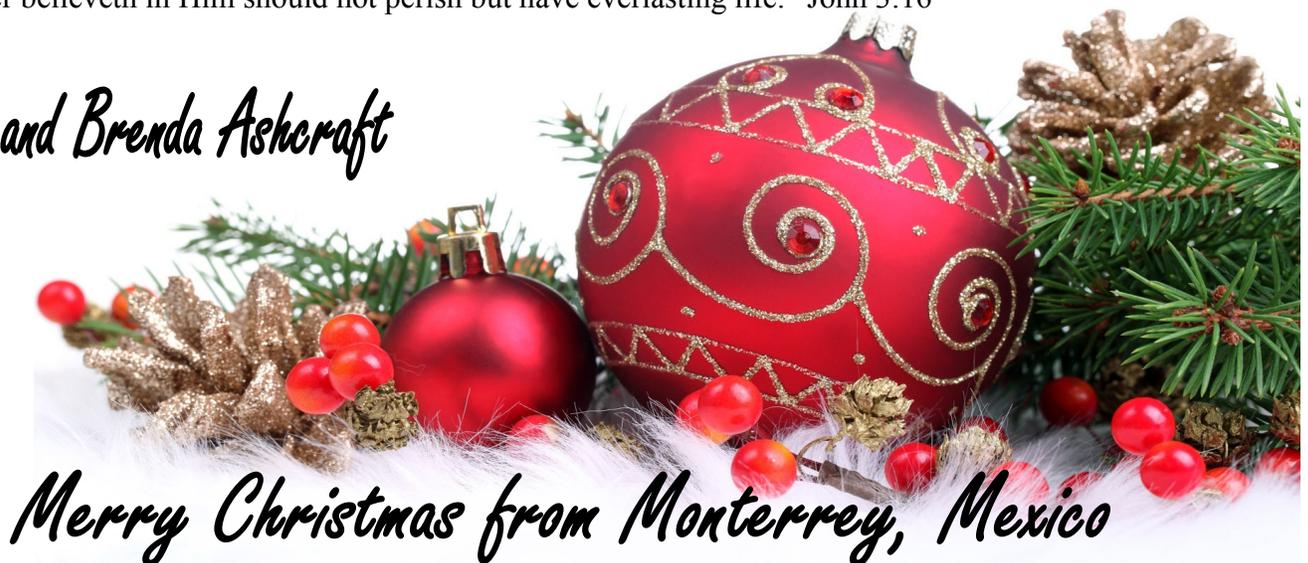
Brenda and I invite the children of our Assistant Pastors and Division Leaders to our house for a special Christmas party each year. This year we will have 30 children. We give them a small gift, a bag of candy, and a coloring book and colors. We have a great time with the children... all crowded into our living room around our Christmas tree and anxiously awaiting the time for opening the gifts. These children truly appreciate whatever we can give them. If you would like to help, it would be a tremendous blessing.

Our annual missions conference was November 11 through 14, with Dr. Les Hobbins from Lewis Avenue Baptist Church, Temperance, Michigan, as our guest speaker. Our people learned from his preaching how to put more faith in the Lord to provide their needs as they give to world missions. Dr. Hobbins also taught a seminar to our Bible Institute students each morning on the subject of the book of John. It is amazing what John contains that we had never before considered. Thank you, Dr. Hobbins for your many blessings to us during your stay.

Thank you for your financial support and your prayers on our behalf. We realize that it is God Who provides our needs, but we appreciate that it is you whom He uses to get it to us. I am including an urgent personal prayer request on the following page. We would never want to be a burden to you, but we pray that God will touch your hearts about this need.

Have a very Merry Christmas this year. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

Tommy and Brenda Ashcraft



Merry Christmas from Monterrey, Mexico