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December 2013 Prayer Letter

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Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you very much for making it possible for us to serve the Lord in the place where he has placed us. Thank you for your faithful prayers and for your sacrificial giving.

Our annual Faith Promise Missions Conference was a blessing. Four Mexican missionaries shared their burdens for their respective fields. Our people promised enough to add these men to the sixty two missionaries that our church now supports. We have graduates serving as missionaries in seventeen different countries.

One of our graduates, Bro. Alfredo Uc, and his wife, Teresa, announced their plans to go as missionaries to Thailand. Bro. Alfredo shared his calling with me two years ago. It was just before he married his lovely wife, who is also a graduate of our Institute. I asked him to wait until he and his wife were properly settled in their marriage. He followed my advice and has now started his deputation. Bro. Alfredo is one of those men that no pastor wants to "lose". He has been a faithful adult-class Sunday School teacher and has been in charge of our Mount Hebron Publications department for several years, producing hundreds of first-class printed material for the Spanish world. Please pray as this dear family embarks on their new journey.

Another one of our graduates, Bro. Elnai Fombona, was presented last Sunday night, beginning his deputation to go as a missionary to Argentina. He is scheduled to leave on January 6 on his survey trip.

Last Saturday I preached the charge in the ordination service of one of our graduates, Bro. Juan Pablo Rodríguez. He has been serving with his pastor, Bro. Eliud Corona, since his graduation in 2011. He is starting a church in San Miguel de Allende in the central Mexican state of Guanajuato. Please pray that God will use this man and his family to raise up a great church in that area.

I had the joy of preaching for the second graduate of our Institute, Bro. Pablo Flores. Bro. Flores graduated in 1971 and has started and pastored three solid churches. Thank you for making it possible for us to enjoy seeing God continue to work in the lives of so many people who have been reached and trained in this ministry.

Every year we have Christmas Bible Clubs in which our people go into different areas of the city and have meetings in parks, back yards, and wherever they can find a place to gather people. so far with eleven groups reporting, 1,269 had attended with 580 people receiving Christ as Saviour.

Last Thursday we had the children of our staff, and some of their parents, in our home for a Christmas party. 52 precious children attended. The parents of these children are some of the greatest Christians I know. We are more than a "staff". We are family. I marvel at the quality of people that God has placed around us.

We trust that you will have a wonderful Christ-centered Christmas season, and a very fruitful 2014. We do our best to see that your investment in this ministry is used to do the most good for the cause of Christ and for the Gospel. We cannot say "thank you" enough for all you do.

Yours for souls

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