

A New Member of the Family

It is amazing how this "little man" has grown since arriving at our door just days before Christmas 2012. Coming to us directly from the newborn intensive care unit of a local hospital and weighing just a bit over four pounds, his nine days of life had been filled with challenges. Joey was born a month prematurely, was cocaine positive at birth, stopped breathing at one day old, and was abandoned in the hospital to face life alone. As his foster parents, our plan was to love and nurture him until CPS could find him a safe, permanent home. The eleven babies who preceded him in our home had all been returned to their parents or placed with relatives within the state mandated 12 month time frame. Joey was different. No family members were found who were willing to love and care for him. Time marched on, and Joey faced a lot of health issues which could have long term effects, but the Lord has been merciful and is bringing him through them all.

When Joey was about 18 months old, CPS realized they were out of family options and decided parental rights should be terminated. Joey would then be placed for adoption. It took another 10 months before court proceedings were complete and he was cleared for adoption. By that time, Joey had been in our home for 2 years and 4 months, and at that point, we were faced with a heart wrenching dilemma. Were we really able to watch him leave after he had become a part of our family? We made our decision: he needed us, and we needed him. So, we began the adoption process. After 7 more months, on November 18, 2015, in the company of big sisters, Regina and Elizabeth, and with the well wishes of big brother, Jeremy, Joey became a legal member of the Morgan family.

Joey is now three years old and filled with energy and curiosity. He has certainly livened things up around our house. There is never a dull moment and rarely even a quiet one. Our first three children were very special gifts from God, and we are thankful that God has chosen to add this little gift to our family.

It is with great pleasure that we introduce our son, *Joseph Asher Morgan*.



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“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”

James 1:17

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Ambulance for Reynosa Prison Loaded with Guitars and Christmas Shoe Boxes

Three Saved and Families Restored

Many times, especially while dealing with prisoners, one can question just how effective his/her ministry is. Over the years we have seen many come to the Lord as they began to study God's Word by means of our Bible Studies. It is always a thrill to hear new reports of lives being changed.

Recently while speaking with Bro. Jaime, an inmate pastor, about the studies, he told me about Gerardo, Eliborio and Jose all of whom had recently given their lives to the Lord. All three of these men were lost without Christ, but by studying the Scriptures in order to complete the studies, they were brought to a saving relationship with the Lord.

What makes this story even more wonderful is that, although all three men were divorced or separated from their wives, after surrendering their lives to God, the Lord has restored their marriages in a wonderful way! As Felipe said to me: "Dios hace maravillas" - God does marvelous things!

This is why we are here in this corner of God's field, and we are so grateful when we see lives changed by the power of God's grace. Although we can not report that we are seeing thousands come to the Lord, we can say that periodically we do see a few. This could not be done without you. Once again, thank you for your continued support, but more importantly, thank you for your prayers. Together we trust we'll reap a bountiful harvest for the Lord.

From our corner of "His" field,

Gary and Brenda Morgan

Ambulance Acquired for Reynosa Prison

It is a long story, so we will try to give just a brief summary here. We thank the Lord for providing us with a much needed ambulance for the prison in Reynosa. Over the years, many inmates have died while waiting for emergency transportation from the city to arrive and take the sick or injured to the hospital. Now they will have immediate access to transportation. This vehicle would never have been acquired without the assistance of several good brothers. We would like to mention three of them.

Almost three months after having expressed the need for an ambulance in last June's newsletter, we received a call from Bro. Ken Taylor from Bristow, Virginia, inquiring as to how close we were to obtaining one. Up until the day he called, we only had \$400.00 for purchasing one, but that morning \$1,800.00 had arrived in the mail designated for the ambulance. So, when Bro. Taylor called that afternoon, we had about \$2,200.00. He spoke to me about an ambulance that he found listed on govdeals.com that looked pretty good, but the auction would be over at 6:00 am the following morning. It was a 1993 Ford/Horton diesel fully equipped and having only 72,000 miles. We honestly can't tell you how it happened, but he called me back later that evening telling me to go for it.

We don't like spending money that we don't actually have, but we ended up winning the auction at \$8,868.75. Through the assistance of Bro. Ken Taylor and Bro. Mike Shaffer, from Roanoke, Virginia, within a month, the exact amount we needed, to the penny, arrived to cover the purchase!

Bro. Lee Stanton picked up the ambulance, parked it at his house in Cincinnati, and took care of it until Bro. Shaffer could go to Ohio and drive it back to Virginia. There it stayed until the Mission Conference in October when I picked it up to drive it back to the border. While at the conference, Sis. Shirley Savage headed up a project gathering 300 Christmas Shoe Boxes for Mexico which were loaded into the ambulance. These were distributed among missionaries here at the border. She also blessed us with 17 new guitars for the work here. We kept those we needed and the remainder have been shared with other missionaries.

We want to thank all of you who participated in any way toward these projects.