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Violence Continues to Rage in Mexico!

Often times when we tell people that in the past eight years in Mexico over 250,000 people (1/4 million) have been killed due to drugrelated cartel violence, we get that deer in the headlight look. It seems they are trying to decide if we are exaggerating or not. *We are not*. Besides the 250,000 which have been killed, there have been over 80,000 people who have simply disappeared; just as if they had never existed. I realize that these are staggering numbers and are very difficult to comprehend, but these are facts rarely reported in the United States concerning our neighbors on the southern border.

Within the past few weeks, we have experienced another heartbreak. It would not be prudent at this time to go into much detail but below you will find a picture of two of my friends, Ivonne and Hugo. They both work at the prison in Reynosa and I have known them for several years. Just recently Ivonne prayed with me and has started studying her Bible. Having accepted this new life in Christ, she has lots of questions. She has asked, "How do I pray?" "How do I read the Bible?" It has been a joy helping her on this new path.

Recently I was informed that Hugo was kidnapped about two months ago. Within a few days of Hugo's disappearance, Ivonne was contacted concerning a ransom of 100,000 pesos (about \$5,000.00 dollars), but she never received a second call. She was so frightened and distraught that she did not return to work for about a month. After returning, she came to me pleading not only for my prayers but for the prayers of all the brothers and sisters up North, your prayers. The situation looks very grim, but we are asking you to please pray that she might receive some news. Her most important need right now is to sense the continual presence of the Comforter, not only for herself, but also for their three children who are 2, 5 and 8 years old.

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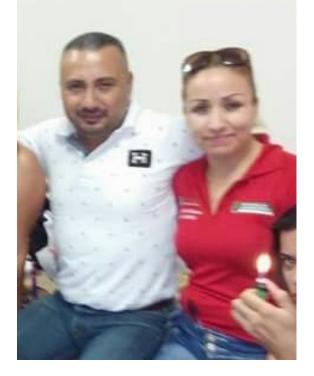
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It is reported that 20% of the nation of Mexico has either experienced "a disappearance" in their family or personally knows someone who has.

This is the SEC-OND time we have had a friend "disappear."

Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us. Even when we were dead in sins, hath guickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)



Ambulance for Matamoros — Delivered — Painted — Being Used!

Matamoros Prison Receives Ambulance

We would never have dreamed that it would take so long to complete this goal, but we have learned to accept the unexpected when it comes to dealing with Mexico. This ambulance was donated to us by "Ambulance Inc. of Laurel County" in April of 2017, and it literally took until late February of 2018 to actually see it parked in front of the Matamoros prison.

In January, we reported that it was on its way to the prison. However, even though assurances had been given by the Mexican Federal officials for the ambulance's passage, when members of the prison administration arrived at the border with the ambulance, they weren't permitted to cross. To make a very long story short, it eventually took a \$3,000.00 "Processing Fee" to see clear passage to the other side. We have never understood why a donation to one of their government entities would incur such fees, but sad to say many times it does. We are just happy to finally see the ambulance where it belongs and being used regularly.

Jessica Lugo Released and Ministering

Jessica is a young lady who is on fire for the Lord! When she was released about 6 weeks ago, one of the first things she did was establish herself in a local church. It is wonderful to see someone that you have helped lead to the



Lord walking on faithfully with God after being released from prison. Jessica is also working with a drug rehabilitation center and informed me a few days ago that many of those in the center want to do the Bible Studies. So, we may now have 80 more students taking the Bible Courses! God is so GOOD!

A Young Man Who Has Been a Great Blessing

Many of you may know Bro. Titus, but you probably know him from campmeetings and English speaking services. Bro. Titus Shuecraft isn't "officially" a part of our ministry, but since he and Bethany arrived on the border, he has been a great blessing helping me with the prison ministry in Reynosa. He accompanies me almost every time that I go. I have watched Bro. Titus preach in Spanish under the anointing, keep his composure while in the middle of a prison



gun-battle riot, gain confidence in dealing with the inmates, and just be a great friend to me in the ministry.

If you would please pray for Bro. Titus, Sis. Bethany and Baby Boy Titus Shuecraft II, we would greatly appreciate it. The Lord knows their needs. More financial support would be such a blessing to this young family seeking to do God's will. May God bless you as you prayerfully consider this need. We are confident that God will meet all their needs.

Should the Lord lay it on your heart to have a part in blessing them, please send any donations to:

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From our corner of "His" field,

Gary and Brenda Morgan