



El Faro de Santidad

Lighthouse Holiness Ministries

Delivering the Gospel of Liberty to those incarcerated in the prisons of México

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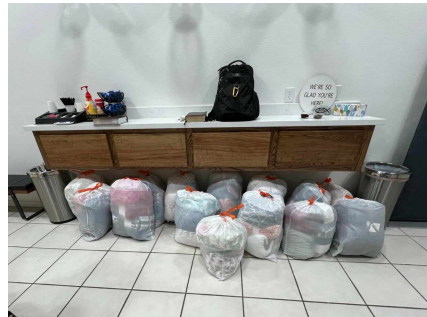
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Greetings from our corner of "His" field!

In this newsletter, we want to address certain aspects of our ministry that may not immediately appear spiritual.

Another year has come and gone, along with winter's chill. This winter, however, caught us off guard with its cold. While winters in northern Mexico may not rival those of the North, experiencing nighttime temperatures in the mid to high 20s without insulation or heating is discomforting, especially for those incarcerated. Recently, the warden in Reynosa approached us with a pressing need for blankets for the women in the prison there. Unfortunately, we were ill-prepared to meet the need. Nevertheless, upon sharing this request with a few friends here on the border, we were amazed by the response we received.

Pastor **Rick Ziesmer** of *Life Ministries Church* in Edinburg, Texas, took this concern to heart and rallied



his congregation. What we initially hoped for was a supply of gently used blankets which were being stored, unused in folks' closets. To our surprise, it turned into something far greater. This congregation, demonstrating great generosity, purchased brand-new blankets! Our only challenge then was getting them across the border. Yet, as always, the Lord provided, and we successfully completed the mission. It's very fulfilling to witness the coming together of physical and spiritual care. By addressing the people's physical needs, we can more effectively reach them with God's love and His desire to meet their spiritual needs.

Certain occasions come and go and escape our attention because we either don't normally commemorate them or they just don't get as much attention in the US. One of those occasions, International Women's Day celebrated on March 8th, is given considerable importance in Mexico. This year, we chose to help them celebrate the day by serving a special BBQ meal for the incarcerated women as well as those in the prison administration. We supplied lots of chicken leg quarters, rice, beans, soft drinks, and all the usual trimmings. Typically, the prisoners receive what could be described as two and a half meals a day. There is pan dulce (sweet bread) and coffee in the morning, followed by some type of soup (or mishmash) for lunch and dinner. While the food may be flavorful, it lacks nutritional value. Although our contribution may not have been extravagant, rest assured, it was a delightful treat for them. Rarely do they receive meat of this nature unless it's a very special occasion, and then it is typically provided by visitors rather than the government. Once again, demonstrating a willingness to sacrifice a bit to do something special for someone makes it easier to share the love of God with them.

Our Bible Institute within the prisons continues to thrive. Currently, we have 99 inmates enrolled and diligently engaging in their studies. While our curriculum doesn't delve into the deepest doctrinal aspects, it offers some of the most comprehensive studies available. On average, every 2 ½ verses in the Scriptures prompts a question, ensuring that students immerse themselves in the Bible to answer the questions. Throughout the years, we've witnessed numerous individuals come to saving faith as the studies became the impetus for them to read God's Word, even a few in the Gulf Cartel leadership. Dozens have become preachers after surrendering to the Lord and continuing their Biblical studies.

Last May, we made these Bible studies accessible online for free at godsword.study, in both English and Spanish. Remarkably, without any advertisement, over 1,640 individuals from around the globe have already utilized these resources. We are humbled to see them gradually reaching more people who are seeking to fill a spiritual hunger. To God be all the glory!

In this photo, you'll find Javier and Edith Blanco along with their children. I've mentioned Javier in the past; he serves as my trusted ally in Mexico. Gradually, I've been grooming him to become the face of our ministry within the prisons. My intention is to ensure that if anything were to happen to me, the work in the prisons would continue without interruption. Javier is not only a remarkable preacher but also a skilled administrator. Currently, he is actively preaching in the prisons of Reynosa and Santa Adelaida (Matamoros). Additionally, he's pioneering a small church in Reynosa (more about that soon) and conducting services three times a week in both of the drug rehabilitation facilities in Reynosa. Needless to say, he keeps incredibly busy with his various responsibilities.

I'd like to bring a pressing matter to your attention. Javier currently relies on a 2011 Mexican model Nissan Tsuru as his means of transportation. Obtaining parts for it often requires ordering them, which results in significant delays. This vehicle is the best Javier can afford, but it



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frequently breaking down. Frankly, its condition is deplorable; even opening the doors, to me, feels like an act of magic since three of the doors must be opened from inside. Javier urgently needs another vehicle.

This plea is not to raise funds for the purchase of a new vehicle for Javier, and he is unaware that I am making this appeal. However, I am hopeful that someone might have a good used vehicle they no longer need and would be willing to donate it to foreign missions. The age of the vehicle is not a concern, but it

needs to be mechanically sound for this man of God's needs. Please consider this request and join us in prayer for a solution.

Once again, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your ongoing faithful prayers and support. While the Lord remains our ultimate Provider, we know that He has graciously used you throughout these many years to meet every need of this ministry. Together, we will share in the rewards!

From our corner of "His" field,

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