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Dear Praying Friends,

We can't begin to thank you enough for all your prayers and for your faithful financial support. We are keenly aware of the part you have in allowing us to be where God has put us. You have a great part in what God is doing in this ministry.

We just finished our 27th annual Pastors' and Workers' Conference. What a great time we had! Over 400 people attended the morning sessions. We had classes for Pastors, Laymen, Ladies, Teens, Missionaries, and Preachers' Kids. 93 pastors and missionaries attended. There were over 1,500 in the closing service on Thursday evening. 23 people surrendered to full-time service, including two couples from our church. We took 400 delegates soul-winning on Wednesday morning and 723 were lead to Christ.

Our speakers were Bros. Elmer Fernández, Kevin Wynne, Ezekiel Salazar, Alejandro Córdova, Antonio Gómez, Samuel Esquivel, and Pastor Darrell Hurst. Bro. Hurst and his wife, Grace, attended the conference with no intention of speaking, but it seemed a waste to have him here and not have him speak. He was a great blessing to the missionaries and preachers' kids.

During the last few weeks, I have had the privilege of travelling and speaking in conferences and in the churches of our graduates. I was in Mérida, Yucatán, with Bro. José Mendoza, one of our graduates and a man from our church. In January I was in Panamá and then went to Bogotá, Columbia, with another graduate, Bro. Gregorio Murillo. I spoke 22 times in six days. Last Friday and Saturday, I had the honor of preaching with Bro. Danny Ortiz in Cadereyta at a church anniversary conference. Bro. Fernando Ramones is pastor of this church that Bro. Greg Lambert and his wife began from one of Mount Hebron's bus routes. God has blessed them and has raised up a great ministry there. Several of their young people have graduated from our Bible Institute.

There are 23 churches within less than an hour of our church that have either been started by or are being pastored by one of our graduates. We thank God for these men who are leading their churches to help reach this needy area of four million souls to the knowledge of Christ.

In December, our daughter and son-in-law, Tammie and Henry González, missionaries in El Salvador, came for the Christmas holidays. We all travelled to Lubbock, Texas, to visit Brenda's parents, Jesse and Ozell Maynard. I have the world's best in-laws!

Our oldest grandson, Daniel, who turned 18 in December, enrolled in our Bible Institute in January. I can't tell you what a joy it is to think that our grandson is taking classes in our Bible Institute. Brenda and I are so proud of Daniel! What a privilege! Please pray for Daniel as he seeks God's leadership for his life. He has surrendered to full-time service. He is a fine young man and we know that God is going to use him.

Continue to pray for Brenda's health. She has done very well in the last few weeks, but continues to deal with several issues. She never ceases to amaze me as she battles through pain and weakness doing all the things she does in this ministry. I tell the men in my church that if they wake up on Sunday morning wondering if they feel like going to church, just to call my house. If Brenda plans to go to church, they are without excuse!

Our home church, First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana, called Dr. John Wilkerson as pastor in January. His first Sunday was February 17. I have known Pastor Wilkerson for many years and we are excited about what God has in store for our great church. Please pray for him and his dear family.

Thank you, again, for all you do. Your support and prayers are very important to us.

Yours for souls,

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