

iVámonos!

September 2014

Dear friends and family,

We hope all of you are doing great. We had some rain the last two days here in San Antonio so we are happy.

There have been lots going on at the camp the last couple months. We went for a couple days in August to visit some new places we might be able to work during the next year. On our first trip we took our grandson Cody who is 20, and our pastors daughter, Sarah, who is 16.



At Pilar de Esperanza orphanage, a lot of work needs to be done. On the left, George checks out one of the bathrooms in the girl's dormitory. The dorm is currently unusable because it is on the second floor, and the bathrooms leak through the main floor ceiling. On the right, the doors are missing from the bathroom/shower building between the dormitories.

We visited Pilar de Esperanza (Pillar of Hope) orphanage that is close to the camp and needs lots of work. We have known the people who run the orphanage for several years, but have never worked there as they have had a lot of Americans coming to help. But since so many Americans are fearful of coming they are in need of a lot of help.

We of course visited Desiderio and his church and family. All is going well. We helped him with some funds to fix up the babies and toddlers class downstairs. Up stairs is where all the other classes are. They wanted a place next to the church services so moms could be close to their little ones.

We then visited many churches we've worked at in the past. Don't worry, come on down there is plenty to do.

We then took a trip down over Labor Day week-end with our daughter, Julie,, son-in-law Mark, Cody, and the mission leader of their church. We attended Valente's church and met sev-



The visit to Iglesia Bautista La Luz Divina (Divine Light Baptist Church). On the right we see Desiderio in the church nursery that is in process of renovation. To the left, Cody, Jan and Sarah with Desiderio in one of the upstairs classrooms that were built by American groups over the years.

eral people we had not met before as well as those we knew. Mark made George's trip, he said he was surprised how nice the camp was. We always like to hear that, then thank God for using us. While we were at the camp there was a women's retreat from Reynosa going on in the chapel. Jan



On the left, people begin arriving for services at Valente's new facility. On the right, Valente, George and Mark check out progress on the second floor.

asked if she could take a couple of pictures of the group. They were very happy to have her come in. They asked who she was and when they found out she was the wife of the man God used to build the camp they wouldn't stop hugging and thanking her. At the same time George was in the dining hall talking with some men from the church that were loading up the women's things in their pickups. When they found out who he was they started crying and hugging him for building such a place. They said their church comes on retreats all the time. They have been 7 times this year. They have men, ladies, and youth retreats. Our hearts were full as we drove home the next day. We can't praise God enough for using us. What an honor.

In other news, we would ask you to be in prayer for many needs on the equipment/financial end. We have seen a drop-off in support in several areas, and our needs are increasing. There is much work to be done around the camp. We have roofs that are in need of repair. We need to



Jan and the ladies from Iglesia Agua Vida, who were so happy to be there.

replace about 20 mattresses at \$90 apiece. Our current level of giving is not even sufficient to cover normal monthly costs, let alone these added expenditures. Several years ago we cut way back on the money we receive in personal support, but, are currently \$200 per month short of covering that. One big need is for a new camp vehicle. Hugo is driving an old pickup with over 240K miles on it. We need to replace it with another truck, mini van or small SUV, and there just isn't any funds available. If you can help in any of these areas, we would appreciate it, but definitely covet your prayers.

On the home front, at the request of several people, George has begun teaching an in depth study on the book of Acts in our home each week. What a blessing it is to see people digging deeply into God's Word, many for the first time.



Our in-home Bible study is now hosting about 14 people from our neighborhood and several surrounding churches of all denominations..

We will be leaving the end of the month to go north. Jan's mom will be 96 Oct. 2nd so we will celebrate with her. She is doing well. We will also be going down to South Carolina to celebrate our great grandson Logan's first birthday. He will be having a baby brother in March.

We will also be in Brighton for a week visiting family and friends. Please pray for our granddaughters Meghan and Alicen as they will be having hip surgery in the next month. Also, please pray for George, as he will have cataract surgery when we return from our trip..

Dios Le Bendiga George and Jan

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Praise and Prayer List

Praises:

The 96th birthday of Jan's Mom, and first birthday of great-grandson, Logan
Two great trips to Reynosa
Still no Americans affected by any Mexico violence
Increase in American church groups scheduled for next year
Progress at Valente's church
Success of our in-home Bible study

Prayer requests:

More American churches to put aside their fears and return to help the Mexican churches..
Vamonos financial needs
A replacement vehicle for Hugo and Sylvia to use at the camp
Meghan, Alicen and George as they face surgery.
Safety on the road as we travel to Indiana, Michigan and South Carolina