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"Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"

Luke 18:8

Dear Pastors, Supporters, and Ministry Friends,

I am happy to be able to greet you once again from this part of the world. The Lord has been good to us and blessed us beyond compare. Thank you for your faithfulness to God in praying for and supporting the ministry God has given us. Without your faithfulness we would not be near as effective in reaching souls for Him.

A year ago, I was thinking that the pandemic would be under control and life would be back to "normal" - surely by summer 2020. Even though we know our God has the power to have stopped this long ago, the Bible says – "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways" and here we are. Some have been affected more than others, but everyone has been affected by this pandemic. The border restrictions remain in place at this point at least until April 21st, however each time we get our hopes up then they extend for another month. Please pray that we would soon be able to resume normal ministry activities.

The above verse was the conclusion of parable that Jesus gave for a specific reason found in verse 1: "And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint..." In my devotion time I was talking to the Lord about all the things we are restricted from doing at this time and honestly starting to feel "faint". Then the Lord reminded me that in spite of the restrictions, there are still many things I can do. How about you? Let's remember God is still on the throne! No matter how restricted; we can still Pray, Meditate on God's Word, have Faith in God, Obey Him, Submit our will to the Holy Spirit, Give, Forgive others, and most of us can do way more than that. When Christ returns, He will be looking to find faith ... Will he find it in me and you? (there I go sermonizing again)

<u>Occupying Until He Comes</u> – Praise the Lord! He always has things we can be doing, and He has kept us busy. I have been busy filling several different pulpits for the past months both locally as well as out of state at some supporting churches.

I remember singing a chorus as a youngster about shining your light in the corner where you are. I have had the opportunity to personally witness to many precious souls. Not all make a profession of faith, but some do. I've also had the opportunity to go soul winning several times with Westside Baptist in El Paso. There have been a few pray and ask Jesus to save them, a couple baptized, and several guests attend church there. This supporting church has been a real blessing to us during this time while we've not been able to preach in Juarez.

<u>Special Prayer Requests</u> – Please continue to pray for the dentist in Juarez. Alfredo, his wife Karen, and his office staff. The enemy has put up many impediments to them trusting Christ, but we are still working with them and I hope to soon report their salvation.

The Lord has allowed Kelly and I to start a Bible study right here where we live. We've had as many as 12 attend and have now had studies 7 weeks in a row. There have been 2 people re-confirm their salvation. This is a very eclectic group with many different religious backgrounds and ideas. To put it another way – there's a lot of weeds in that garden! The Lord has given us a great spirit, and all seem very enthusiastic to learn and grow. We are planning an evangelistic outreach on May 1st so pray that that would bear fruit.

<u>Churches</u> – All the churches seem to have survived the pandemic and are now working to reopen. Like many churches under restrictions there are still some members who haven't returned. All reports from Resurrection Sunday seem to indicate faithfulness.

Looking for that blessed hope and glorious appearing! Amen!

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