

*Merry Christmas  
and a Blessed  
New Year!*

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Dear Praying Friends,

Greetings in our Savior's name! In Luke 2:17 we learn that after the shepherds visited the Christ-child they were witnesses to a world that much needed to hear the Good News. "And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child." May we also feel the urgency to spread the Message of the Word of God regarding our great Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. How can we be silent in the midst of the sin-driven world in which we live?

We trust that you had a wonderful and Christ-centered Thanksgiving. We did, as we spent it with family! We praise the Lord for the ongoing, prosperous work in Guadalajara, Mexico. Dotty and I were there two weeks for their Bible Conference. Each night and on Sunday I preached on a special area of the life of Joseph. What a blessing as many responded to the urging of the Holy Spirit to correct many areas and problems in their lives. We were blessed to be with many of our spiritual families and see the working of God in their lives. Our church has three mission churches of which I had time to preach in only one, Colonia Arenales Tapatio, where Pastor Luis Canul is ministering.

I was looking forward to preaching in the mission church in Tala where Jonathan and Lily Canul have been working for years, but after our Bible Institute class on Thursday night the younger men of our church had a soccer game with another team under the stadium lights. During the game one of our men dropped dead on the soccer field. He was only 59 years of age and was a dear faithful brother who had been very active in the musical ministry of our church. We grieved with the family as we held a vigil Friday afternoon and all night with several preaching services. Then on Saturday we held the funeral service. The next day I preached three times making a total of 14 times that I ministered the Word of God in those two weeks that we were there. It was a very full schedule, and a very rewarding visit.

When we were in Guadalajara three years ago I looked up an old business acquaintance, Rudy, who I had witnessed to for 30 years. (His wife and daughter had come to the Lord under our ministry many years ago.) At that occasion I got him interested in having a Bible class with Dr. Palacios. What a joy it was on the first day of the Bible conference when Rudy walked up to me and told me that two weeks prior he had repented of his sins and truly given himself to Jesus Christ. Soon after I wrote the book, *Becoming a True Christian*, Dr. Palacios, under much conviction, told me that he had been serving the physical needs of his patients for many years, but with God's help he was going to start having Bible classes with many of his them. For years he has had 6 to 9 classes each week and many have come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. We praise the Lord for Dr. Palacios' love for souls and his faithful dedication to continue weekly classes all these years. The testimony of Dr. Palacios is great! Presently the members of the church and mission churches are involved in teaching 80 Bible classes each week, using the book, *Becoming a True Christian*. What a blessing! It is a source of great joy to see the good job that Pastor Miguel Angel Camacho is doing and to meet new ones who have come to the Lord under his ministry. Pastor Miguel is doing an outstanding job as senior pastor as he preaches and holds the Bible Institute classes and oversees all the other ministries in which the church is involved.

Here in Palm Harbor, Florida I am presently teaching three weekly Bibles classes and also teaching one of the adult Sunday School classes in the Berea Baptist Church.

We have so very much to thank the Lord for as we approach a New Year! May you have a joyous Christmas and fruitful New Year as you share the Good News of the Gospel! Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support. You are always a source of great blessing and encouragement to us.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Myron & Dotty*

Pastor Myron and Dotty Philippi