

Hi Friends, Family and Supporters!

This month was filled with a combination of blessings and sadness. The joys started first and were numerous. First, we were able to get Margarita and Alejandra into the US with only a two hour interrogation at the border. Then, their trip to the Shriner's hospital in LA was successful. Alejandra is scheduled to return there to have surgery to remove three stones from her bladder in late May. M and A enjoyed a couple days in Tucson and spent an evening with Pantano's Quilters Group. (See photo here.) This was a highlight for all of them!



The next blessing was when Pastor Tim and Arden from The Rock of Sahuarita Church were able to come to Mexico. (Shown here with Pastora Angelita and Pastor Alfonso.) We took them to El Diamante where Pastor Tim gave a message to the area men's leadership group at Pastor Alfonso's church. They enjoyed a great deal of fellowship, prayer and

sharing of the Word of God. They also visited with and encouraged three other local pastors.

Lucy and I were blessed to visit with fellow Christ follower Renaldo and his family in Peñasco. There was a great discussion about Jesus; how to walk with Him; and the Spiritual Warfare that goes on within the church and our cities. Advice was given and prayers were lifted up for all those in Peñasco.

The sadness came on our drive home from Mexico. We received a phone call telling of the tragic deaths of our friend, Lorrie and her granddaughter, Caia in an auto accident. A little while later we received another call from our brother and close friend, Eric. He had suffered a heart attack that morning and was scheduled for double bypass surgery in a couple days!

However, as God has promised, He will take a sad and painful situation and create blessings from it. Eric is recovering from heart surgery and is getting to spend quality time with his siblings that have come to visit and help out. And, while our close friend, Wayne is mourning the loss of his "bride" and granddaughter, his daughter (also injured in the accident) has given birth to a beautiful and healthy 9 pound baby girl!

We are reminded to be always ready to go home to our Lord. And to praise His Name, no matter what our circumstances. Lorrie was ready and 4 year old Caia has her place in heaven. My question to you is, “are you ready?”

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Needs list: Items needed for pastors and prisoners in Mexico. Also, for the casita we will be renting starting next month! (Photo shows it under construction!) (Please contact Dennis at 520-603-5780 or Dennis@ManosdeDios.org if you have any of these items to donate. All contributions are tax deductible.)

- Car or truck
- Utility (flatbed) trailer
- Men’s shoes sizes 7 to 9
- Patio furniture
- Bedroom furniture
- Small dining room set



Prayer Requests:

- For Lucy’s trip to Taiwan (April 26-May 7)
- For provision for Pastor Alfonso to complete the expansion of his church building
- For provision for Pastor Carlos and Maru to complete their kitchen so they can move into their home. Protection from drug violence in their neighborhood.
- Healing for brother Jose’s shoulder (Injured at work. Plays in a praise and worship band)
- Salvation and/or a change of attitude of the new prison commandant. He is allowing gambling and prostitution in the prison now.

May God’s Holy Spirit reveal His love in an impactful way...and that you would love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength!

For the King and His Kingdom,
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