

Christmas, 2016



Dear Friends,

We are excited once again to be celebrating the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to earth almost 2,000 years ago; and now given the recent events we are now more than ever looking forward to His soon return.

This year has been another wonderful year here in Loreto, Mexico — our evangelistic Community Health Fairs have been appreciated by so many people receiving both physical and spiritual blessings.

This has been our second year for our English Church here in Loreto, with 8 - 40 people attending our Sunday services. We also have weekly Bible studies, weekly Coffee gatherings and special bi-weekly Outreach activities - which all together keep us very busy; but again people are being encouraged in their faith, (and until we started all of this, there was nothing available in Loreto for those who only speak English).

When we first arrived in Loreto 13 years ago, there were 8 small evangelical churches in Loreto and the pastors were not at all friendly with each other. This was so sad to see, so we started inviting them to our home each week, and 2-3 came initially. Then this grew into a Pastor's Fellowship, and while it has had many struggles over the years, today we have 16 evangelical churches in Loreto and 60-80% of today's Pastors attend. We enjoyed once again inviting them to our home for a Christmas Dinner this month and we had about 40 in attendance (including family members).

For the past several years we purchased in the US large print Bibles, study Bibles, and other study materials; and then sold them at 50% discount prices in Loreto and in other small neighboring towns - this too has been a real blessing to many people - especially for those who have poor vision and our free glasses are not strong enough for them. Also most of the Pastors here have not had any formal Bible education, so they and others desiring to learn more from the Bible have appreciated us making these Bibles and study materials available to them, as there is not any Christian book stores here.

Thankfully this year we did not have any hurricanes come through our area, although the summer heat that began in April this year lasted until mid-November, and this week the temperatures are back up in the 80's... (Sometimes it would be nice to be 'dreaming of a white Christmas'...)

We want to take this opportunity to once again thank you for your prayers and for your support - both without which we would not be able to be involved in all of these wonderful ministries, in and around Loreto. We count it a real privilege to be being used by our Lord to reach out to, and to be a blessing to so many people in this area of God's vineyard. So thank you so much again...!

We trust you will have an enjoyable and meaningful Christmas season this year, and we pray that you will also be blessed and used by our Lord for His glory to many people around where you live.

Don & Lorraine

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