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Shout joyfully to The Lord, all the earth. Serve The Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful singing. Know that The Lord Himself is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him; bless His name. For The Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting, and His faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100

We will have to say that it has not always been easy to shout joyfully to The Lord this year. We have had many occasions that made us wonder what was going on and why us and why now. And yet, every time a situation has come our way that has been hard God has always taken us lovingly to Himself and said to us, "you are mine, I love you and I am here for you, do not worry because I will take care of you". So when starting to write this newsletter we knew that this passage was the reminder of what we need to always do.

Institute of Leadership Training Season Four

It is hard to believe that we have continued for four seasons with this school when I was not even sure that students would come to the first class. These last two seasons we have held classes in Cabo San Lucas and San Jose del Cabo. It is a little more traveling but worth the fruit we are seeing. I tend to get a little bored though when doing the same thing over and over and was getting discouraged when we did not see as many new students this season. This was a time where shouting to The Lord was difficult.

My cousin Ron who has come down to teach many times had a connection in his church with a missionary in Autlan, Guadalajara. Her husband had a dream for a school and so he built one, but before he could put it to use he died. His wife wanted to see it used and contacted Ron who then contacted me. Ron, pastor Luis Benevides from Cabo, another missionary in Guadalajara and myself traveled there to meet with her and other pastors. After the meetings we were pleased as we were asked to bring the classes to Autlan. We have the possibility to also hold classes in the City of Guadalajara starting in January. This was a reason to "Shout to The Lord". Our first class in Autlan starts October 10-12.

We will continue classes in Cabo and San Jose also starting in November.

Traveling

We have always taken a few months to travel when the Leadership Training School is not in session. Because both of our daughters and their families moved away from Colorado it became a little more challenging to see them. Our first trip was to see our youngest daughter Angie, her husband Keri and 2 boys, Jonathan (4 1/2) and Riley (2). They are with YWAM in Harpenden, England. With the gift of buddy passes we were able to get there at a very low price. We stayed at the base and Gary did some odd jobs to cover our stay. We had a great time seeing so many amazing things that you only read about or see in the movies. One of Pam's favorite things, other than the grandsons, was seeing castles in Scotland and visiting a Lavender Farm with Angie.

Our other daughter Marcie and husband Josh moved to Kenai, Alaska for a change in jobs. We have never spent more than a week every year with them and our 3 grand kids - Christopher (12), Blake (9), and Jayden (7), so this was very special to be with them for a month. It is a beautiful place to visit and we saw many different kinds of wildlife, mountains, glaciers etc. watching the grand kids fish for salmon was great. Only disappointing thing was we never saw a bear. Next time.

Our time with our son who is still in Colorado was cut short because of having to cancel our flight out of Anchorage three hours before it left. WHY? Pam became very dizzy to the point of not being able to walk or stand without help, she was vomiting etc. and so we ended up at the emergency room. Several hours later and EKGs, CatScans and an MRI showed that she had an inner ear infection (viral). We were not able to leave for four more days. The problem then began when Frontier wanted to charge us full price for our one way tickets, over \$1,000. Again we had the chance to fly standby but only Pam got on. It took me three more days and buying a ticket to fly back to Denver. This was the time that we both struggled with "shouting joyfully to The Lord." Especially since our time with Jason was cut very short. (Reason for Gary staying in the airport was that our daughter lives three hours away.)

And yet, we did rejoice as we saw God's timing as to where Pam was when she got sick (she could have been on the plane), or she could have not had a seat on the plane to go back and then would have had to stay in the terminal for several days and then we would have had to buy another ticket. We can "Shout joyfully to The Lord" .

We had originally planned on heading back to Cabo after our nephew's wedding in Cedaredge, Colorado where we had a good time with Pam's Dad and her nephews and nieces. This did not happen though because of weather.

Hurricane Odile and Relief

Many of you have probably heard about the worst hurricane in the history of Cabo. The eye of the hurricane passed directly over Cabo with 125 mph winds. The destruction was unbelievable. Thousands of homes destroyed, roofs gone off of buildings, windows broken, power lines down everywhere, trees broken or gone, and on and on. Then there is the aftermath. Looting of stores everywhere and then looting of homes. People were having to join together in their neighborhoods to protect their homes. Lawlessness was taking over. There were also the tourists who were stuck now because the airport had a lot of damage.

But then came help. The Mexican military and government stepped in and started to regain law and order. The CFE (power company) came in and started to put the power lines and poles back up. Drinking water and food was being brought in and people were starting to clean up Cabo. News is that some hotels will be open again in November. Grocery stores are slowly opening up again. The people in Cabo are ready to rebuild.

Relief is coming in from all over. We know that we will be busy with helping to rebuild homes and churches. Pastor Felipe's church roof blew off, our church has to be totally rebuilt, and many other churches and ministries will have needs.

We had been concerned about our friends and were anxious to get down so that we could start helping as much as we could. We were able to connect with Pastor Felipe who lives on the property and takes care of our home while we are away and he told us our house was fine and not to come back for a few weeks until power and water etc. were back on. This was a hard decision but knew it was for the best. We came to California and decided to stay here till after the class in Guadalajara. I decided to buy an airline ticket for Guadalajara out of Tijuana for the 9th of October to fly with my cousin Ron for the first class in Autlan. Pam will stay with Ron's wife Jodi and then when I get back we will head back home.

Our prayer is that Cabo will be renewed by acknowledging the power and love of God, in His great love that He showed us when He sent His Son Jesus to be the Savior of the world. Possessions were lost, but God spared many lives from death. Now we need to be ready to share with all those we help that it is not the things of this world that are important, but knowing Jesus. Please pray for us as this is our desire as we return to Cabo.

Support

We are thankful to all those who have supported us and are still supporting us for these past 13 years. We do not always have enough support coming in and when we look at the bank account we question why we are here and why we continue, but every month, when it looks like we might not make it, God gives us His peace in knowing that He is in control and He knows what we need and that all we need to do is:

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Why? Because "The Lord is good, His lovingkindness is everlasting, and His faithfulness is to all generations.

Thank you for your prayers, your support, your encouragement and your friendship.

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