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Greetings,

One thing that never changes is that time seems to fly. Time flew when we first realized we needed to send out a newsletter, two months ago. It has also flown by when we realized that we have been here in Cabo San Lucas for 15 years now. We look back on these years and remember the people who came down to serve along side us for several years. Of the friendships we made with the teams and the relationships we have made and continue with here in Cabo. We know that with some of you we have not seen or spoken with you for many years but we have not forgotten you and we are grateful to all who came to support, encourage, and pray for us. Thank you.

As most of you know that when our team ministry slowed down, God gave Gary the opportunity to get his Master's Degree. After graduating he was told that he had to teach a Leadership Training Course. Even though he did not want to do this, he was obedient to God and started his first class here in Cabo in August 2010. There were 20 students that year.

He continued holding classes in Cabo and San Jose where the students completed a first year course and a second year course. He also did another first year course that ended in 2013. When things started to slow down he decided to go to the mainland after taking a break.

So after receiving a call from a young man who used to live in Cabo and now lives in Oaxaca, Gary started classes Jan. 2015. They have not finished yet but are close to being done. He also started classes in Guadalajara with one church and another class in Autlan where several churches participated. Both locations graduated the first year.

Gary has now started another location called Villa Corona which is about 30 min. from Guadalajara. The first night they had 40 students.

He is going to go to Cuba soon just to talk with pastors who might be interested in the classes. He wanted to start right away but had not received anything from the Cuban government giving them a religious visa. Keep this opportunity in prayer.

We are very grateful for the teachers we have now and ask that you pray for each of them: Chip Johnson, Ron Sheveland, Dan Nelson, Nick Brough, Vince Trujillo and Gary who occasionally teaches and plays the part of Nehemiah for that class. He is also the administrator/facilitator of the school.

Here in Cabo there are always opportunities to help others in many ways. Giving rides, fixing electrical, plumbing, loaning tools, teaching kids, helping our new youth pastor and his family (who are from Autlan) etc. We just started a small Bible study in our home with a few couples. Pray as they are all Spanish speakers. Our Spanish is still not the best, but we get by.

2016 was not a normal year. We realized we were needing a break and time with our family. We headed up to Colorado the first of June to spend time with our family there. Our

youngest daughter and her family came over from England where they are missionaries with YWAM. Angie needed to renew her visa so that she can stay in England so that meant leaving England so she could enter the US and reenter England. We praise God for her getting the new Visa as a spouse which makes life much easier for them now. They were in Colorado for 6 weeks so we had many adventures with them and our 2 grandsons. Our other daughter and her family had moved back to Colorado from Alaska so we spent time with them also. Our son lives in Denver so we had the opportunity to spend a lot of time with him too.

My Dad (Pam's) and Gary's Mom are still living, but getting up in years. My Dad has started to lose his memory and so is at the point of not talking much. I am glad he had a chance to spend time with 2 of his great grandsons this summer. Gary's Mom fell this summer and broke her hip. During surgery her heart stopped/got it started again and so they put in a pace maker. She is doing much better.

We flew to London in September to help our daughter while her husband was traveling and while there we did some site seeing. We visited Sweden and Norway and Ireland. Went to Cambridge, England and a few other places close by. Gary had fun building a freestanding loft in our grandsons' room (all the parents wanted him to stay and do the same for them).

We had some other commitments after we returned to Colorado so we didn't get back to Colorado until Oct. 23. While we were gone Gary's sister's husband passed away suddenly. And then on Christmas day we received a call from his mother saying that his oldest brother went to the hospital because of severe stomach pains and they discovered leukemia. They did chemo after stopping some bleeding in his brain and then sent him home saying things looked good, but at his last checkup they discovered it had come back so they are now hitting the cancer hard with the chemo. Pray for Scott as he goes through this and for sister Shana as she adjusts to life without her husband.

Well, as you read earlier Gary will continue to travel for classes this year with the next class starting the 28th of February in Oaxaca. His second to the youngest brother, Dave is going to join him in order to get a feel for teaching in Mexico before he will actually teach. While Gary is there I will be flying to England for 2 1/2 weeks to help our daughter Angie after their third arrives in a week or so. With her arrival we will have 6 grandchildren - 3 boys and 3 girls. Such a blessing.

Prayer requests: As stated above: continued prayer for the classes, for the teachers who take time to come to Mexico, for travel plans to Cuba, for our parents, our children and grandchildren, for Gary's brother and sister. Also for our health (we are both getting older and moving slower) continued learning of Spanish and more opportunities to share the love of Jesus here in Cabo and wherever He leads us.

Thank You for your prayers, support and friendship. We couldn't be here without you.

Sincerely,

Gary and Pam

