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Blessings to one and all. We love you and thank you for your faithful support for this great outreach ministry. Listen to the words of our Lord Jesus, "And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth." Mark 1:38 This command is as effective and relevant today as it was oh so many years ago. So, what about those people, those eternal souls, in the next town or country? These words of Jesus inflame Jolaine and I and challenge us to do something.....something more!!! Listen to the Psalmist "I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul." Let it never be said about us but let it be said that we did all that we could.



Don Pablo and his father, are the owners of Radio Occidental. This station alerts the Mayan farmers concerning the price of grains, meat products and any new government regulations that might affect them. We pay programming for five days a week. You may remember that because of so many requests from listeners...the station has given us programming for an extra day each week!

National Bilingual Education Program (PRONEBI):
Established-1980, PRONEBI Guatemalan Government's initiative to promote bilingual education. Aimed to improve education for indigenous children by teaching them in their native language first, then transitioning to Spanish.



We are broadcasting in English for the people of Suriname and Guyana. Also, in Mabaruma, Guyana, Radio Mabaruma broadcasts in Spanish for the Venezuelan people. We struggled to make the second six month payment of \$1,762.72 (current exchange rate) but it's taken us to the bottom of our barrel!

"As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse ..."

The next payment will be due in October...it is beyond our resources! Can you help us? We went by faith not having the flexibility of extra money for this ministry. Every little bit will help. If you can...please note for South America or NCN.

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Going...we were able to determine the coverage and discovered that we need to find an additional radio station to complete our goal of reaching the Mayan nations in Guatemala. There are 22 Mayan tribes living in Guatemala with a population of 6.5 million.



We spent several days in Quetzaltenango (Xela) canvassing the city, handing out tracts and invitations to Radio Occidental and to our website which makes available programming in audio and pdf form. We just must figure out how to return



and spend some time in Guatemala, actually everywhere we have programming. After multiple requests from the radio owners for us to come, we were able to make it happen. There is a general pressure from all radio owners for us to have a more hand in hand, working together relationship. Several of the owners have grown closer to the Lord and their influence in the community is enormous. Also, the natural desire and responsibility to further disciple our faithful, faithful students.



Surely there will also be opportunities to teach the eight sessions of the 'Plan de Los Siglos' covering Christ from the Foundation of the World thru Eternity. Therefore, we are seeking the will of God and His leadership for a way to accomplish this and further expand the ministry into other countries. In order to do this, we must learn the ways in which to stretch the support to cover travel expenses. And...the pressure is on us 'to go' while we are 'young' enough!



We have just returned from a Retreat (truly a Missions Conference) in North Pole, Alaska. The True North Baptist Church, Pastor Phil McBroom, hosted a church retreat where - Missions Outreach to the World - was the theme. We were joined there and shared teaching and preaching with Bro. Tim & Mandy Delaney and Hermano Cristobal Yanez. We found Pastor Phil and church to be the sweetest and most dedicated to discipleship for the membership and new military recruits. We will treasure sweet fellowship with our co-laborers in Missions! Thank you, Bro. Phil, for the invite, all the expenses paid and the most loving care and 'fresh oil' for Jolaine and me during our stay. Forever indebted!

1981-2024 ... We began this Missionary journey in 1981. Among the novelties of way back then...corresponding by telegrams (of which I still have guarded). The pricey privilege of calling 'home' to talk to my mother once a month involved a trip to the telephone company and \$25.00 for five minutes! Remembrances of outhouses, washtubs and wooden shutters for windows! Of how our doctor would ride up on a motorcycle with a little ice chest that carried the current vaccination needs. And why did I accept his explanation of why our whole family could use that same needle, I'll never know! Treasured long ago experiences of land and trees given for our first church building, of fresh cow manure troweled, tamped down and waxed for our first mission floor. Those things seem like a hundred years ago.



Here in Guatemala City...I am reminded that in 2024, I can still buy fresh chickens - with her unformed eggs still attached! What a bargain! Light switches can still be threatening! Women still wash clothes in the river! And the sight of goats being herded through the city is normal! I spent a hot afternoon with Doña Isabella. She is an avid listener to our program. The 'delight' came as we discovered we share the very same birthday...same year...we must be twins', she said!!! Oh, what a time of laughter to find this 'sister' here in San Pablo.



WESTERN UNION PROBATION Well...we are finally off of 'probation' with Western Union...again! Making payments to foreign countries ... from different countries...in all kinds of exchange rates...finds us scrutinized from time to time. New requirements about radio personnel included "Have you ever met Jorge Antonio ... in person?" Our radio owners are kindly patient with us on such occasions. Trying our best to catch up this week, we've also fulfilled requests for the Charts that we use on 'God's Plan for the Ages', Concept tracts and particular program titles. New avenues of programming have come our way requiring 'uploading' time. These are at no expense to us. "...He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." Bless-ed be His Word!

FROM THIGH TO ANKLE ... Dennis left for Costa Rica last week and I headed to Dallas for a couple of days to care for my parents. An attempt to not awaken anyone by turning on the light was a huge mistake! I tripped over a suitcase, fell onto a hardwood floor and knew immediately something was broken! I began an excruciatingly painful two-day drive back to Nashville to go to my doctors and not be a burden to my parents. Driving straight to the Orthopedic Hospital, Xrays and MRI confirmed a broken kneecap and I was put into steel braces from ankle to thigh for 5 weeks!!! Then ... therapy! Dennis had to come home immediately to a real cry-baby! It wasn't pretty!!! There was barely enough time for healing and therapy to leave for Alaska. My last appointment was on Monday, and we left for Fairbanks the next day! As with the Lame Beggar in Acts... "I...immediately began walking, leaping (kinda), and praising God."

