

JEAN PAUL & MELODY ESCALERA

INDEPENDENT BAPTIST MISSIONARIES HELPING CHURCHES

"...striving together for the faith of the gospel" (Philippians 1:27).

August 16, 2021 Ministry Report

Dear Faithful Supporters, Friends, and Family,

Greetings from smokey Colorado where the air quality has been horrible for over 41 days because of the fires in California and Oregon. Not good if you have respiratory issues. We are only a few miles from the mountains but can't see them. We assume they are still there!

The past two months have flown by and we have been busy with travel and other activities. On July 3rd Bro. Mark DeBolt, and some of our folks, set up a booth for the annual Monument July 4th parade and were able to pass out hundreds of tracts and John & Romans booklets. Only the Lord knows what fruit this will bring. We just sow the seed and God will take care of the harvest as I reminded the church of Jesus' first parable of the Sower, the seed and the soil. I began a series on Jesus' Parables in Matthew during Sunday School and a series on the Doctrine of Faith during our Thursday Bible study.

On June 13th we celebrated our son's (Mark) birthday in Cheyenne, WY and also had the opportunity to teach and preach on missions at Yellowstone Baptist Church where he pastors. The following week a couple visited the church who had seen me preach on the live stream video and wanted to see what the church was all about. Well, they have been attending every week since then and will be joining the church soon!

In July we spent a week with our daughter Sharon and Cory. He is the pastor of Central Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. While there we celebrated our grandson's (Josh) graduation. Please pray for him as he considers the Lord's will for the future.

In July we also attended the annual Mission Conference at Rodgers Baptist Church in Garland, Texas. The conference lasted for three days and was a blessing and encouragement to all who were there. Sadly, a few days later several people came down with the COVID virus, including Cory, Sharon and family, who had come with us. Sharon was affected the worst and spent two days in the hospital. Please pray for them as they are just now improving but still have issues from the virus. PTL, Cory was able to preach this past Sunday but still weak. Melody and I were also sick for several days but PTL we tested negative for the virus. We came down with a very bad head cold and cough which continues to linger, especially for Melody. Please pray for our health.



While in Texas we renewed fellowship with Tony & Alice Castro & Jose & Delia Perez and their families. It had been many years since we last saw them. These two families were saved in our first ministry in England back in the 80's. What a wonderful time and reunion we had! Please pray for Bro. Jose as he has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

May Jesus find us all faithful when he comes to take us home.



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