

# Jean Paul & Melody Escalera

Missionaries Helping Struggling Independent Baptist Churches

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*"Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die" (Revelation 3:2)*

February 12, 2018 Ministry Report

## SAD BEGINNING OF OUR FURLOUGH JOURNEY!



Dear Family, Friends & Faithful Supporters,

We greet you from the furlough trail with our first ministry report of this year.

We begin on a sad note. A week before Christmas we began our furlough visiting a supporting church in Trinidad, Colorado. After the morning service we were taken to lunch and enjoyed a great meal and time of fellowship with the pastor and his family.

Upon our return to the hotel I opened the back door of our car to retrieve some items and they weren't there! To make a long story short, while in the restaurant, someone had stolen my satchel with my Bible, Melody's Bible, our display case, a box of prayer cards, our GPS and a few other items.

We called the police and filed a report but were told we will probably never see them again. The items we miss the most are our Bibles, which are priceless with years of notes and precious memories. We pray whoever took them will read them and be saved.

On a brighter note, after several weeks we replaced all the items, made a new display case and began our travels again the middle of January.

It has been a blessing visiting our supporting churches again and thanking them for their faithful prayer and financial support down through the years. Our churches have rejoiced as we have shared about Grace Baptist Church in Hastings, NE, and the fact that they now have a pastor and how God is blessing them. Please continue to pray for them, Pastor Howard Goldsmith and his family.

We are currently in Fort Worth, Texas and in a couple of weeks will be traveling to Arkansas. As we are only taking a short furlough (we hope to finish by July/August) we will not be able to visit all of our churches. Pastors, we hope you will understand. As of now the Lord has not given us any leading to the next place of ministry but we know He will in His time. Please pray for our health and safe travel.

We want to thank all those churches and individuals who sent special Christmas offerings and gifts! We hope you had a blessed Christmas and that this year will be filled with the joy of serving our soon coming Saviour.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support.

*Jean Paul & Melody Escalera*

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