Dennis Thomas Family Serving in Latin America

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We send our love and concern to all the Lord's churches and faithful supporters. We all have suffered isolation and great losses during this pandemic, but God's grace abounds and the preaching of the gospel goes forth with power of persuasion and it prospers. By law we have been house bound except for food and medicine, we cannot congregate as a church nor travel to and from the U.S. As of November 1st, travel will again be permitted from the U.S. to Costa Rica but with added requirements. Other restrictions are beginning to relax. I'm sure you have lived through similar circumstances. Now we all can better understand the Apostle Paul's jail time bondage, "For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain." Acts 28:20

In spite of all these restrictions, the ministry has had a daily preaching-teaching time to 20 million who have access. Our outreach trip to Colombia is still postponed until the Corona virus is less threatening. There is a trail of names and faces that have been invited to the house for a night of ministry and desires to return but waiting for government permission to congregate.

This year there have been three momentous events that are worthy of mentioning and commemorating which are our 50th wedding anniversary, our 50th year in the ministry and our 40th year in missions. As long as God gives us strength and health our calling will take us right up to death's door. There are no plans to stop or relax. Your love, prayers and support drive and sustain us. May God continue to shine through you and through us to a perishing world.

Our emails and phones have not been in quarantine! Praise the Lord! We've spent many hours using these two avenues of ministry just as you have during Covid restrictions. Radio Occidental owner, don Pablo Orozco, in Guatemala asked us to call the owner of their radio tower in Illinois who was recently diagnosed with cancer and pray with them. Intercessory Prayer!

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Of all the good deeds that one person might do on behalf of another the very best would be to intercede for them. In one way or the other the intercessor is putting himself at risk in order to give help and hope to another. When we intercede in prayer to the Heavenly Father calling attention to the needs of others we are exhibiting the passion and compassion of our Lord Jesus. One can only intercede for the living. Once a person dies then there is no hope for a change in neither their condition nor in the destiny of the dead because they will live forever in an unchangeable state. Only the living can be helped and as long as they are alive there is hope. The rich man in Luke 16 after lifting up his eyes being in torment wanted to intercede for his lost brothers but he could not. The dead cannot advocate for the living for they have the witness of the Holy Scriptures and the living cannot appeal for the dead for it is useless and prohibited in the Bible. We are taught in the Word of God that only the believer, the Holy Spirit and the Jesus, the Son of God can intercede for mankind. Prayer to the Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus Christ through the work of the Spirit of God is the medium by which we ask God to help others. The greatest work of intercession was that of Jesus Christ leaving His place with the Eternal Father to come to Earth and die in our place. Now moment-by-moment Jesus as the Great High Priest is mediating between man and God the Father.

Radio Juventud Somotillo, Nicaragua

Today, station owner Juan Jose Salas, writes and sends a picture from his office of our programs being downloaded from the Internet. He tells us he is broadcasting the programs at our 'paid' programming time of 5:40 in the mornings, just before the morning news. To our total delight, he says that he is also broadcasting at 1:00 pm and again at 4:00 pm! Wow, even more 'seed' being sown on the Nicaraguan and Honduran border! Eternal efforts!

A merry ♥ Lost in Translation!

"The fumes not wet people's face
Refused to be a poor wife"

conceptosbiblicos.net

Recently we launched a web site which gives Biblical support to all of our radio students. Presently, more than 220 different topics have been written but we are only posting a few at a time in order to give new listeners an opportunity to 'grow' with this ministry. You will quickly see that if you are trying to witness or disciple in Spanish...you have friends and you have resources through this ministry. It is only in Spanish for the moment, English is forthcoming. The 'Indice' will give a birds eye view of all the coming topics, the 'Conceptos' page will give a continuing list of Biblical Concepts with definitions written for anyone to understand. Also, key verses are included, two audio links on that particular subject and a pdf to print out or guard. The 'Emisoras' page will give them a 'confidential' place to contact us. It will also give them links to many of 'their' radio stations. Our listeners inquire about our daughter Jenny who sings a bit of an intro on each program. There are a couple more songs of hers that we've included. A word to the wise ....

If you choose to let 'Google' translate...it's not always accurate but it can be quite entertaining. Better to wait on the English .... just sayin'!

CUBA

Tonight the Lord brought the 'field' to us again by way of Cuba with Jorge & Hedi. They wept while reciting how they came to Costa Rica through Nicaragua, crossing illegally with the clothes on their backs, 2 other changes and nothing more! They've been here since January, expecting their first baby and still sleeping on the floor. But to hear their gratitude for 'peace' they have found here is more than words can say! 'Finally' after having had that 'unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love and a tender heart' that's spoken of in I Peter... Jorge asks..."Why are you here?". The seed was sown and they'll be back Friday!

LEGAL STATUS

Yes, I have my residency! Jolaine's case went before the Courts in March. Then the country shut down, the immigrations offices closed and her final papers, the last step, is locked up in that office until next year!!!

November 1, great changes will happen around here, When we do leave the country, she will be allowed to return but only after purchasing a hefty travel insurance, Covid test and then we will both be in quarantine for 15 days. All that to say that 'casi, casi', 'almost, almost' this legal burden will be behind us.