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"I WILL SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY. A VOICE OF ONE CALLING IN THE DESERT, PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD. MAKE STRAIGHT PATHS FOR HIM.

(Mark 1: 2, 3)

Dear friends and family:

John the Baptist ushered in the ministry of Jesus Christ. He announced Jesus' coming and taught people to repent of their sins, to prepare the way for the son of God. Then, Jesus made his public appearance and began to teach about repentance, faith, forgiveness of sins, and eternal life. Yes, a son was given, "And He will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6) John's message is still applicable today. He could be coming again soon, so we have an opportunity to be warning people and preparing them for their impending encounter with Jesus. We want to wish you His peace and His joy, as we celebrate His first coming.

It is exiting for us to bring closure to one more year of activities furthering the kingdom of God. How we appreciate each of you, our friends. Your prayers, financial support and encouragement have made it all possible. Without you, it simply would not be possible for us to reach out and do what we are doing. Looking back, we are surprised at what God can do when we work together as a team. If a glass of water given in His name will not go unrewarded. The Lord will reward His people for their part in proclaiming the Gospel of His Kingdom. Our good works glorify the father. (John 15: 8)



AMALIA, BROADCASTING ON FM RADIO FROM VISALIA

Since our last letter, we have ministered in the California cities of Porterville, Turlock, Greenfield and Soledad. We had an opportunity to teach, admonish, and counsel troubled people by applying God's Word. Amalia was invited again to speak on a radio program for that community. Stan has been very busy speaking at those locations and translating his material to English. Many of the Hispanic churches have members that are more comfortable using English. He has also been following up where he has taught. He is also working on a current project writing materials to address family needs. It seems that families are struggling everywhere.

FROM AMALIA'S DESK:

November the 8th I left on a missionary trip to do women's ministries in San Diego, and in the Mexican cities of Rosarito and Ensenada. I returned Nov. the 30th. I was at all times accompanied by brethren who moved me from ministry to ministry, across the

border and back. I want to give praise to our Lord for His protection of my person at all times. I spoke at 10 different churches. I thanked God for the way in which women responded to the message. They gave me a warm welcome and invited me to return soon. There was a great need to talk to the women after the conferences. Some churches requested me to go back to do a workshop to train leaders to do continue what I have been doing. I considered this trip to be very profitable.

Of course, every one wanted to see Stan and receive teachings from him, but it was not feasible for him to try to schedule his kind of meetings simultaneously with mine. Anyway, he was overwhelmed with research and writing. He will have an opportunity in the future.



A WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AT ALFA AND OMEGA CHURCH

In San Diego, I was hosted by pastor Toni Morales and his wife Elena. I spoke in their church, Alfa and Omega, and enjoyed a delicious breakfast on the morning of one of the two conferences I gave there. I also spoke to a group from two San Diego churches sponsored by Restoration Ministries. It was held in the spacious home of Pastor Efrain Valverde and his wife, Irene.



MINISTERING TO WOMEN AT PASTOR VALVERDE'S CHURCH

From there, I was picked up by Brother Ike Thiessen, a Missionary in Rosarito, Mexico. I spoke there twice and again did a lot of counseling. This is a church with many needs. It is located in a poor area I left a box of vitamins that some women from FPC gave us to take to Mexico. The children especially appeared to be in poor health, anemic with white spots on their faces. Moms lack energy and were nervous, maybe the vitamins will help them. They also said that the families do not have enough blankets. It gets cold, being so close to the ocean. Some blankets have already been donated and money was given to buy some more. More are needed. We will be sending them with the San Diego Pastor Valverde who comes to minister here in Salinas twice a month. Money can be sent directly to Ike Thiessen, P.O. Box 121798, Chula Vista, Ca 91912.

They are the missionaries in Rosarito I was with.



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ROSARITO WOMEN'S MEETING

I was driven to Ensenada where I stayed with our friends, Juan and Lidia Cortez. They helped me with lodging and with transportation to churches and to see my dentist. We have stayed with them on many occasions. I gave a women's conference in their Evangelica church.



A WOMEN'S CONFERENCE GIVEN AT THE EVANGELICA CHURCH

At the Airport Church in Ensenada I heard the testimony of a woman who came to hear my talk on "Roots of Bitterness" last year. Well, this lady Maria said that she came to hear me at the invitation of her neighbor. She had been planning to hang herself, and was talked into postponing it until the next day. She testified, "That night I fell in love with the Word, and after you left I made a profession of faith, was baptized and now I am serving the Lord." This testimony has been told everywhere, so now they want me to teach the conference again. To God be the honor and the glory for the power of His Word!



WOMEN'S MEETING AT AIRPORT



MARIA WITH AMALIA

I also went to a needy colonia just over the hill from Ensenada where Pastor Ruben Castaneda has a church. He also heads up two rehab centers. We had a good women's meeting there.



THE WOMEN AT PASTOR CASTANEDA'S CHURCH

I was driven by a good sister to the border where, after visiting with one of my nieces, she took me to the airport. I was glad to get home and to see my husband with the report that God had blessed and prospered my trip. Waiting for me in Salinas was a women's conference set up for a group in the Prunedale area.



HOME MEETING IN PRUNEDALE

ON THE HOME FRONT:

We are feeling some waves of sadness as we approach December 29th the day our dear Ruth went to be with the Lord last year. Our son-in-law has since married a fine young lady from Chile, just this month. We wish them happiness. We speak to our grandchildren Joshua 14, and Gabriela 8, regularly, and they are doing well. But it will be very hard for them this Christmas, so please pray for them.

Mark, Yumi and children are doing well. Mark just returned from his 8 month sea duty, so everyone is glad to have him home, especially Yumi, who has been caring for everything during his absence. She's quite a gal! Angela, almost 17, will be graduating and attending college soon. She recently took some flying lessons and landed the plane by herself, although she said it was "bumpy." Sylvia, 15, bakes great deserts and is an honor student. Jason, 11, loves the Lord and is a great reader of the Word. He reads to us with passion. It gives us goose bumps. We will celebrate an early Christmas with them.

Becky, Jeff, and children very busy at their ranch. We will spend New Years Day with them. Loren is riding her horse, while singing like an angel. Wesley and Steve fish and hunt deer and elk. Wesley is a "star" football player, and has the injuries to prove it. Steve is the life of the party any where he goes. All the kids are great students.

Our daughter Linda and husband David and family are keeping very busy, Daniel, 10, always wants to be "in the green"(excelling) at school. He is very gifted in the area of music. He sings and plays the piano very well. Brandon, 8, is trying to play the piano also, and he's taking Kwan-Do lessons. Molly Rose, 4, keeps everybody entertained. Dad and Mom are doing a great job of teaching, guiding, and hauling.

We wish you a blessed time as you celebrate his first coming and get ready for his second coming. We appreciate and love each of you. Please pray for God's guidance as we plan the coming year's activities.

With Christian love,
Stan and Amalia Smith