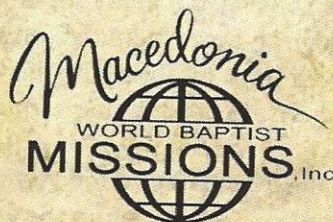


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Dear Praying Friends and Supporters;

This Christmas season the thought of "Emmanuel" has been the prominent theme in my preaching. How is it that the same Word of John one, That created all that is, the life that was in Him was the light of men, He was the true Light, and he became "Emmanuel", flesh, God with us. All of the knowledge, power, and might all concentrated in the tiny little package of a baby. All for the purpose of redeeming us. What great love the Father hath bestowed upon us (I Jn 3:1)

As for each of you, our Christmas season has been busy as well.



Here in Kaukira we did a Christmas play. We started with four open practices to see who was interested in participating and what part they would have. All the while I was announcing that after the fourth practice it would be closed, no one else would be added. It was so bad I had to give my watchman a list of the names that were allowed to come in, and he had to sit guard at the gate to keep out those who had refused to come to the previous practices. I told them, "I am

not God, but this is how it will be in Heaven. Everyone has been invited to come, but the time is limited. Those who do not come within the allotted time, will not be allowed to go in." Even though this was something that none of them had ever seen before, they worked hard to learn the lines and the songs. In the end they did well singing out and saying their lines "mostly" clear.



Instead of just doing the play at the church, we built a manger scene on our flatbed trailer. (as many of you all have been doing for your parades) There we had lights and sound system so we could go to different communities and share the play with them. We went to 6 different places in three nights. The Lord allowed us to do the play those six times with it only raining on us a little bit one time. The communities were extremely grateful for us coming and presenting the play. Each time after the play I

was able to give a short presentation of the Gospel. We are sowing seeds by the handful. Throwing them anywhere and everywhere we can, praying that they will find soil that will bring forth fruit. In addition to the play we had a dinner for church members, their

families and those who regularly attend services. I had bought a small pig the last of October, and we fed it out till the 20th of December. I built a smoker out of old propane cylinders, and smoked the meat for the dinner. Meat, rice, boiled plantain, boiled bread fruit, soup, and cookies was the menu. We had around 30 people for the meal.

In the morning service on Christmas day, I had announced ahead of time that all of the men that came would receive a new fishing rod. A church in North Carolina sent us 30 brand new open face rods. There were 24 who received a rod that morning. 3 or 4 who had never been to our church before. (Sowing Seed)



The first week of January we will be drilling a well in one of the communities here in Kaukira. The people catch rainwater for drinking and cooking, but in dry season they have to use what they can get. It will be 40 ft deep, have a hand pump, and be placed in an area where the folks near to it will protect it somewhat from vandalism. A man in Missouri gave an offering for us to be able to do this and one more well. The next well will be in two weeks over on some new property where we are helping start a church just outside of Puerto Lempira.

I will be going over there the 9th of January and staying to work on building a parsonage for the church. We have been renting a house up till now, hoping that before the end of January we will have this one completed.

In November, we knew that Robin's mother was to have surgery to have her right leg amputated on the 15th. A result of knee replacement, car wreck, rods, pins, and many surgeries. Because of 6 years fighting infections and poor health, we anticipated her being in the hospital and rehab for 4 to 5 weeks. Robin had planned to go in and help at the house as she was getting home just after Christmas. It really seems apparent now that her mother's body had been rejecting the rods and pins that had been put in, because she came out of surgery with no infection, feeling strong, and in just over a week she was at home. That, of course, changed our plans. All of the Christmas plans we had made together for the ministry here, we had to figure out how to do them apart. Not to mention the expense of last minute flight changes during the Thanksgiving holiday season. The Lord had given us peace about what we needed to do, and He worked out the travel details in His timing, allowing Robin to make it in to her mother without any problems. She has been a big help in driving them to doctor appointments, as her mom's husband has been recovering from a torn retina as well during this time. Her mom's recovery has gone exceptionally well. Insurance has approved the prosthesis, which hopefully will be ready by the second week of January, causing us to look at the end of January for Robin to be able to come home, Lord Willing. The Lord has allowed Robin to visit each of the kids before Christmas, as well, and she was able to spend Christmas Day with Lydia in NC.

We praise the Lord that after mentioning the desire to buy a tent for revivals and evangelistic meetings, we had a couple of folks to send money towards that goal. Just before Christmas, a supporting pastor messaged me that their church had voted to send us the remaining money needed to reach the \$10,000 for the purchase and shipping of the tent. I contacted the tent company and learned that the price was going to increase by 5% in January, so we went ahead and ordered the tent that week. Lord willing, when it arrives, we will hold a revival meeting in Puerto Lempira, where I am building the parsonage for that church plant. We praise the Lord for His provision thru His people.

Thank you for your continued prayers for us, we need the Lord's help for wisdom and direction in every area of the ministry here in La Moskitia. Also, we appreciate your continued prayers for Robin that things will work out for her to return home by the end of January. Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and support and giving to our family during this past year, we look forward to what the Lord will continue to do in La Moskitia in this new year.

In His Service,
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