July 2023

Dear Praying Friend,

I appreciate your investments in the Gospel with your support of our ministry.

You may remember I mentioned I would have a student intern who would travel with me. His name is Cody Carden. He is an Ambassador Baptist College student. He will graduate this academic year.

In July, Brother Carden and I visited seven World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions' families in Mexico. We spent time seeing their ministry, strengthening the brethren, and learning about the work God has them doing. We listened as they shared their dreams and disappointments. We watched their sacrifices and successes. We heard their hope and their motivation for serving in their struggles. Three weeks later, Brother Carden and I left with a deep appreciation for these laborers and their labors.

Thank you for praying and giving to help me strengthen these missionaries. Thank you also for praying for our safety. God was good to us.

One evening this month, Brother Carden and I went to a Migrant Camp where they picked blueberries. The workers labor 12 hours. After work, the Ortiz family goes to the migrant camp and has a preaching service. Brother Carden preached a message on Hell. God touched many hearts with His word.

Brother Kevin Taylor is planting a church and has an addiction ministry. What a joy it was to



Brother Carden, a Migrant Worker, and Me at the Blueberry Farm

speak to the men in the Hope House who are facing their sins, dealing with their past, and setting their focus on the future. One evening, for their midweek service, I spoke under a tent. I saw God working in people's hearts.

Brother Cody and I visited Miss Elsa Ramirez; she's worked in missions in Spain, France, and Mexico over the past decades. We saw the people with whom she worked and those she served in the church.

We also visited Brother Stephen Villareal. I praise the Lord for his labors in the hard places. He has two areas where he and Anelly bring the Gospel each week. I spoke for him in the church and another Gospel preaching point. He serves in an area where Satan holds people in captivity. Despite Satan's work, God is saving souls.

We got to visit Brother Jerry Shaw and his family. His mother, the widow of Jerry Shaw Sr., was in the USA receiving medical treatment. Brother Shaw and Itzen are working in church planting, leading in the Bible college, and raising a family. I met Itzen's parents and Jerry's sister during our visit.

We also spent time with Salvador Lara, an American missionary with World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions. Sal assists Jerry Shaw in every aspect of their ministry and is helping with a church plant in a nearby city. He needs support. Please pray for him.

Thank you for praying for us. Thank you for assisting us.

We have a great need in the missions' agency office building due to recent flooding that insurance would not cover. The entire first level of our mission office is unusable at present. The flooding affected an apartment that provides respite for missionaries, an office area and conference room used by national missionaries, and a kitchen used by staff and missionaries alike.

After consulting with leaders who know construction work, we called a company to remove the flooring, a large portion of the drywall, and part of the concrete slab to install an interior drain system with a pump to avoid future flooding. They have given us a 20-year guarantee against future flooding. This extensive work has affected our ability to serve missionaries at our best.

Please pray God will meet the \$55,000 need. One church gave \$2,500 toward the need. I know God will provide. If God leads you to help:

- 1. You can mail your one-time gift for the **Building Repairs** to our office. You can send your donation to WWNTBM, PO Box 725, Kings Mountain, NC 28086-0725.
- 2. You can give your gift online: <u>wwntbm.com/give</u>. Click the drop-down box and choose **Building Repairs**.

Yours for the harvest,

John O'Malley