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"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine..."

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Greetings from Beanland;

This is our first prayer letter of this New Year. It doesn't seem possible that we are getting so close to 2020. When I was a kid in high- school I remember we boys, as most young teenagers do, made drawings of futuristic automobiles. We would show one another our drawings of what we thought a 2010, or 2020, cars would look like. Of course, we never thought any of us would live to be so ancient. The interesting thing is, many of those drawings look quite similar to the cars we are driving today.

If I missed sending those of you who gave us Christmas gifts, I must ask your forgiveness. I hope I did not miss anybody. I thank all of you who sent monetary gifts to us and as usual, we used almost all of it to help Christian people who have great burdens of needs. Again, this year everything went to buy food for the Huichol Indian Christians. On December 23rd, we dedicated their new church. Along with this beautiful event, we took several hundred oranges, hundreds of pounds of pinto beans, rice, chilies, garlic, salt and many other things which was supplied by Jerry Jr's church.

I noticed as we took the bags of oranges into the pastors' new house, many Indian children never said a word but followed along in silence without taking their eyes off of those bags of oranges. A bunch of kids just stood in the doorway with their eyes glued to those bags. After about 15 minutes the pastors' wife asked me if she might open a bag and give the kids an orange. I answered and said, "why yes sister, all of this is for you to do what you wish with it." One by one each child received an orange and left the room very happy. I thought with the dedication of the Indian church it would be the last one I would ever build. In fact, I thought each of the last three would be my last one. Guess what? It may not be the last church! A member of my son Jerry Jr's church started a church in a large town where I preached when I first began this ministry here in Mexico. I was never able to raise up a church in that area but Moises has a nice congregation. He is working full time as a pastor and has a part time job to supply the needs of his wife and two small children. The church is paying rent for a store front building. One of the new members has a nice size parcel of land he has given the small congregation on which to build a new church. I am waiting to see how and when the papers or deed is to be changed. This will take several months and when I am satisfied with everything then we will try and raise money for the church building. You and I and many Mexican workers have built 23 churches over these many years. Why can't we build another one?

Also, this year we should be graduating 7-9 students from our Bible College. Several of them are already in the ministry serving our Lord. I thank you, our supporters and prayer warriors for making all of this possible.

In the circumference of His wonderful love, we remain;
Jerry and Delia in Mexico.