

BAPTIST AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

“WE ARE AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST.” II COR. 5:20



Dear Pastor & Friends:

March, 2024

We thought Spring was on the way but February turned out to be much worse than December or January. **There goes our heating bill!!** Guess the world weather is crazier than ever. So we hope that now that March has come in like a lion that May will come in like a lamb. We have a similar saying in Spanish but it is too complicated to translate...

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We were shocked when we saw the Easter poster that the R.C. church put out a few weeks ago to advertise Holy Week. It is a semi-nude picture of a real man (?) barely covering some of his intimate parts and with a definite homosexual flair. Spain is becoming famous for its tolerance with anything that favors the homosexual crowd but we didn't think the state church would go along with it. Spain is going through quite an upheaval with the Socialist government we have now. They have joined hands with three different “**progressive**” groups that want to separate from Spain and become an individual country. Most of their cohorts were given special favors just to help support the Socialist candidate and today March 8, they are approving an amnesty bill that will pardon all the **separatists** who were involved in the uprising several years ago and have been in prison since then. We don't know where it will all end but **Spain needs your prayers.**

The attendance continues to grow in the Guadalajara church but we are not seeing the fruit we would hope for. We are very happy to have a church full (over 80 a lot of Sundays) but we are not seeing people **saved and baptized** like we would expect. The teaching is good, the preaching is good, the music is good, but we must depend on the Spirit of God to do the work in our midst.

We have both had some health issues this past month. Lavon picked up a bad virus causing a lot of coughing and low grade fever. After a visit to the local doctor, he is doing well again. I had to go to the E.R. a couple of weeks ago with a blood pressure spike that I have not had in many months. My medicine has been changed and we are trying to get it right. Last month we had so many good comments on the February letter that we have decided to put Lavon's THINKING MISSIONS once again in this letter.

THINKING MISSIONS: *It is dangerous language for Christians to refer to different mission fields as PRODUCTIVE and NON-PRODUCTIVE. The damage is not immediate, but when thought patterns that are unscriptural take hold, then they can influence the way we pray and the amount we give. You may be wearing clothes from **China**, driving a car built in **Japan**, using gasoline pumped in **Iran**, shoes made in **Spain** and eating meat from **Argentina**. All of these countries are PRODUCTIVE in relation to the resources they have. THINKING MISSIONS...In the business of souls, the production bit belongs to God. Has it ever dawned on us that God chooses to “produce” only through saved men???* *If there are not many workers in a certain country how can GOD PRODUCE MORE???* *Are you willing to GO to a NON-PRODUCTIVE place?*
(written in January 1976)

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