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Brethren:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that this newsletter finds you all growing in the unity of God. We hope to be able to send unto you a monthly newsletter letting you know what is happening and how the funds are being used in the ministry. In the past few months we have heard alot of misunderstanding concerning this we hope this will clear up abit of the confussion. It is our intention to make the newsletter very short but very imformative. If you have any comments or wish to write to us about them we will be very happy to receive your letters.

Upon our return to San Diego from the All-Church Gathering Pablo came unto us and told us that he felt impressed of the Lord to become our full time interprestor. He has done this in faith believing that the Lord will supply his needs, praise the Lord. The Lord had been dealing with him about this for the past few months. Continue in prayer with us for him - he is such a blessing unto the ministry.

The Bible says that 'without a vision the people perish'. Notice it says the people perish it does not say the church perishes. Rather it is the individuals that perish and often times it will be the small little groups within the greater portions within the Body of Christ that will perish. By perishing this does not mean that every person within that particular small group perishes but the major part of it **does** disappear. Without a vision of any sort there is a death to those that are involved or a separation. Within the Body of Christ as we know it, a few years ago the vision was given for Mexico. We had many many people behind us at that particular time and there were many prophecies concerning it and so on before we left. We had much joy in this vision that every person shared. But now there have been many new people come within the Body and some of these people have not caught this vision and by the same token some of the others have lost their vision. This does not mean that they are without a vision it just means that they do not see the total vision as the Body saw it at that time. Though the Bible does not state so I believe with a short vision the ministry of the total of the Body is terribly hindered and the Body in affect becomes crippled. It will still go on but it is not without much struggle.

One of the problems that has come about through this type of thinking is to believe that the Mexican Ministry is only for those that live and work around in Tijuana and San Diego. Also that its out reach is only into Mexico but I believe, I hope, that you will see that truly this is not just a local ministry for just Tijuana and San Deigo. Rather the out reach

from the Mexican Ministry is getting greater and greater all the time. At the present time we have seven other places in Southern California that we are ministering. Even though we do not get to all of these places because of the vastness of that particular ministry, others are going out in our place. Scott Haas, Don & Darlene Warren, David & Cindy North, and Pablo Perez from Tijuana spent a weekend in the little town of Coalinga, Ca. where some of the believers live and were affected by the earthquakes. Much damage was done unto the home of the believers, Jim and Janet Gillete, so they went up to help the Gillete's. This is a 400 mile trip one way and while there they met and ministered unto an other couple also. This party of missionaries did physical labor, as well as spiritual labor, and they hope to return possibly monthly. This is an out reach of the Mexican Ministry, we are not saying that the Mexican Ministry supplied all of the funds for this out reach it did not, we supplied only a portion. Before that we had a man and his wife that were in the hospital in Tijuana, they live in Atascadero, Ca. As a result of the contact with Mr. Ray, he came to the Lord before they went home from the hospital. Mr. & Mrs. Wendell Ray are not Mexican they were in Tijuana where Helen Ray was receiving treatments for cancer. Before the Ray's went home from Tijuana Scott Haas and Robin Hesley with Mary Hill and Marjorie Mekkers ministered unto the Ray's while we were up North on our trip for the All-Church Gathering. In the near future Mary and Marjorie have planned a trip to go and see the Ray's at home. Marjorie and Mary have also been visiting other people in the Southern California area. We are praying for more of the people to get the vision for this and understand that this Mexican Ministry is more than just Mexico. The Mexican Ministry is just the name, the ministry is everywhere.

An other area that the Mexican Ministry has dedicated themselves to be of an assistance for as long as necessary, to Gilbert and Caralee Larson in Denver, Colo. On the trip that we are on now, to New York and to see the believers on the East coast, we stopped at the Larson's home for a day. In that time Gilbert requested support from the Mexican Ministry in the form of literature and various things to be translated and printed for him. Gilbert and Caralee have come across a number of Mexican people that do not speak English and who work in the Denver area. Because of this they are going to need bibles and other literature. We had made a call North before our last trip for Spanish bibles, for our need was great also. So far one person has seen the need and has donated \$200 for the bibles. The Mexican Ministry has added a little unto that figure and we have ordered 30 Spanish bibles. These bibles are as close to the true Greek as what we have been able to find and it is the bible that we are recommending for the people to read in Mexico. This did not help Gilbert however in his need because the 30 bibles in Mexico are going to be just a drop in the bucket of what we will need. Just before we left on this trip we had a call from an other person and he said that he had received a \$50 offering to buy Spanish bibles. He told us that he had made a contact with a supplier that is able to supply us with bibles at the same price that we can buy them from New York and not have to pay shipping. The Mexican Ministry is adding \$45 to the \$50 and we are going to be buying a dozen of the bibles that we recommend. These bibles we feel should go to Gilbert and Caralee's ministry. So again you can see that the out reach of the Mexican Ministry is not just for Mexico it is for the United States as well.

One of the reasons that we mentioned that Pablo has decided to start working with us out of Tijuana - is because of the above mentioned needs. We do feel that the timing is correct because of many things that are falling into place in the Lord. Right now Pablo is working as hard as possibly and as fast as he can to get everything that is necessary translated into Spanish. Gilbert will also be sending him things to be translated for the Denver ministry. Also, Pablo's physical presents is needed in Denver as well as in Tijuana. We are praying for the funds to come in that will make these trips a reality not

just a prayer request. Pablo feels the call to reach out where ever God sends him. He wants to meet the needs in every place. As you feel the Lord lead you any offerings will be received with great joy by Pablo. We wish that the arm of the Lord to be strengthened and the out reach to be made even greater. This literature that Gilbert needs, as well as Tijuana, costs money and much time and hard work as it needs to be checked many times to be sure of the meanings. We have been in the process of doing the book 'the 3 Rests' for the past 2 years. One reason it has taken so long is because we have not had a good interpreter that was Spirit Filled to work on the book, we have to rely on what was available. But now with Pablo's help we believe that it is now ready to be printed up, Cindy North is typing it and Pablo is once again double checking it. This goes with each piece of literature that is printed because the things we say in English can not be translated straight across into Spanish most of the time. We have our way of saying it and they have theirs, and God's Word must be correctly translated we do not want to print error for the Mexican people, in the same way we try not to print error for the English speaking people. This is alot of work and very tiring pray for Pablo's strenght and understanding of the Word of God as he works in the Lord. Remember that they say 'The Pen is mightier then the Sword' and that is true, people read things that we print up in Spanish as well as in English. They are quite affective. Even though we almost have the book 'The 3 Rests' done we will have to wait on the printing of it because of the costs that are involved. Ofcourse as the Lord calls for Pablo, and as the funds are there, the Mexican Ministry will be paying for Pablo's trips unto Denver by bus. We are in hopes to make the first trip in the next two weeks because of Gilbert and Caralee's great need for him.

This trip that we are making now was particaly paid for by the Mexican Ministry. This is an other out reach unto the believers that live in the East. We pray that the Word of the Lord will continue to go out. We pray that we will be able to start meetings in each home starting new fires. Since we have been here in Amsterdam, New York we have been able to minister unto LaVonne's land-lords. Who knows maybe an other one will start here also. God knows the future we pray to just walk as He leads us in His perfect timing. It seems that the Lord is starting us out on the road once again to start new fires, new Bodies. Pray for us that this work will be done as He sends us and that the work will not be hindered because of a short vision. We serve a great God let us not box Him in - the Greater we make Him the greater He becomes unto us. Tomorrow we go to Ohio to hopfully baptise a person, she has opened her home unto us to come and minister. God's arm is not short. Praise the Lord.

God bless and keep you in His loving care. Please, keep us in your prayers daily as we remember you. We hope to be seeing you all within the next two months, we would love to visit you all individually. If you have enjoyed this newsletter please let us know, if there are other things that you would like to know about also please let us know. We will be glad to answer all of your questions and concerns about the ministry. Please keep us informed as we try to keep you informed.

We love and miss you all. We close with a prayer that you will keep close to Christ that He can keep close to you.

In the Name of Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ray & Vonna Haas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.