

# *iVámonos!*

March 2015

**Dear friends and family,**

It's hard to believe that it is March and you haven't heard from us. Sorry, but I guess we have been having too much fun. We have had a cold winter. We know you all in the north are thinking we have no idea about cold. True, but this has been the coldest winter since we lived here. It even went below freezing a couple of nights. We know



**Pastor Ken Hicks works on repairing the doors to our storage building. On the right, Jan and George have the honor of passing out diplomas.**



you are all laughing your heads off but in Mexico none of the homes, or businesses have heat, so 30 degrees, damp stucco walls and cloudy days make it seem like near zero. Our church came down the middle of January to do some repairs at the camp. They also met Pastor Desiderio and his wife Naomi and pastor Valente and his wife, Grace. We had them



**Brunch at Manos Juntas, a program funded by your Feed My Sheep donations.**

to the camp for a tamale dinner. They shared their vision for their ministries and their testimonies. On Sunday afternoon we gave the group a tour of Reynosa and no one got shot. We also took them to the school we started in Pedro J. Mendez. They were just starting the 2nd semester and we were invited to give out the diplomas to the kids who graduated to the next class. There were about 60 kids graduating. We then took them to a kindergarten we have started helping in Rio Bravo, a short distance from Reynosa. Olga's daughter-in-law (Willy's wife) is the principle of the school. It is a beautiful school. The moms help by bringing food for lunches, and making things to sell to the community. We bought two piñatas to use with the kids from our church. It was a great time, and several people got their eyes open and hearts stirred. Our pastor Ken wants to take groups every couple of months. Praise God.



**A new roof is installed on our first dormitory by the group from Anna, Illinois**



**Dinner was served for the Baptist ladies, and painting was accomplished both inside.....**



**..... And out!. What a difference!**

In February, our good friends from Anna, Illinois came. They had 18 people, and even brought six youth and the youth pastor. Praise God! They of course worked at Desiderio's church, where they have been working for several years, painting and doing some repairs. They also held VBS after school. On Monday evening, Desiderio's church hosted a meeting of over 80 Baptist women from around Reynosa, so the group took the opportunity to assist them in serving dinner. They also re-shingled the first dormitory that was built back in 1996. They worked very hard in cold, wind and rain. We had a good time with them and praise God for the years of service they have given us. On their return trip to Illinois, they brought Desiderio and Naomi with them so they could come speak at our church. We had the opportunity to have them stay with us, tour around San Antonio and even have a nice dinner at one of our favorite local restaurants.

Next month our friends, Sammy and Lorelei Mah, from Baltimore, Maryland will be coming to work on the church in colonia 15 de Enero. They came last year and worked on the church and held a Bible School for kids. The church has a new pastor and he has



**Dinner with Desiderio and Naomi**

several projects lined up for them to do. Also, they will have the VBS after school. We sure enjoy being with Lorelei and Sammy. We have known them for years, and they have been friends of Vamonos since the beginning. They worked on every building at the camp, arranged for the donation of a 16 passenger van for the feed my sheep program, did all the plumbing on most of the buildings, and provided the table and chairs in the dining hall. Their three children also worked with us, staying a month at a time in the summer. We have learned so much from them. They spent many years working for World Relief, as Sammy left his job at General Motors to become the CEO of the organization,

helping the needy all over the world. Their daughter, Nicole, and her husband will be coming from Colorado to join the group. How fun that will be for us.

We celebrated our 49th wedding anniversary in February by going on a cruise to Mexico. We had fun. We didn't do any work on churches or teach any children at VBS. As part of the cruise, we went to Cozumel, met people from Michigan and drove in an old Volkswagen all around the island. It was fun but we can't believe we have been married 49 years. It's a miracle.

We also have a new great grandson born on February 18th. His name is Gavin Michael. He lives in South Carolina with his mom Megan, Dad, David, and brother, Logan. We hope to see him some time soon.

Thank you all for your prayers. We pray for you also and would love to hear from you. You are welcome in San Antonio or the camp anytime you'd like to come.



**Gavin Michael Waterman**

*Dios Le Bendiga*

*George and Jan*

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## Praise and Prayer List

### Praises:

A healthy new great grandson, Gavin!!  
A great time with our friends from Anna, and our home church and much needed camp maintenance.  
Still no Americans affected by any Mexico violence  
Increase in American church groups scheduled for this year We hope for about 120 people  
Success of our in-home Bible study

### Prayer requests:

More American churches to put aside their fears and return to help the Mexican churches..  
Remaining Vamonos financial and labor needs at the camp  
A replacement vehicle for Hugo and Sylvia to use at the camp  
American mission team coming from Baltimore in April  
Our grandson, David, his wife, Megan, as they adjust to life with one toddler and one newborn.