



THE VAMONOS NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends and Family,

Wow it has been a long time since you have heard from us!

August is always very hot in San Antonio, so things tend to die down with Vamonos. We usually don't have groups, as school starts in mid to late August. We did receive calls from several churches making plans for future groups at the camp. We spoke to three churches about coming to the camp on a mission trip in October.

Our daughter and son-in-law set up the trip that took place October 8th-10th. Most of the people had never been on a mission trip, especially to Mexico. We all had a very blessed trip, working in Colonia



Demolition in progress on the lot next to the Pastor's house.



Jan, Julie and Isaiah lead the singing, while George and Nacho play guitar in the background

Quince de Enero with their new pastor and family from Mexico City. The project was tearing down an old dilapidated building and then clearing the land. The pastor plans to use the property for a park for children and a basketball court for teens. He will then be able to invite them to the church and mainly build a relationship, hoping to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. The group also painted the outside of the pastors home and worked on the bathroom. We had a VBS after school for the kids. Our grandson, Isaiah, was with us as well as his friend Moises from his church and school. Moises is fluent in Spanish and translated for us. What a blessing he was. It is always great to have our

children and grandchildren serving with us. Isaiah and Jan lead all the songs, as George and Nacho played guitars. Yes, the same Nacho that remembered George's magic trick from many years ago. The group totaled 18, everyone had a great time. They are planning a return trip in November to measure and create a materials list for the new basketball court. Then, they plan to return in March to actually begin the construction.



Fun was had by all. Pastor David (yellow shirt) looks on in the background

On the last day, just before we were leaving the colonia, George gave Nacho his Ovation guitar, as Nacho was remarking how much he liked it. Many tears fell and we all were so touched to be able to help this dear man and his family. Before we left for Mexico we asked the pastor if he needed anything and he asked for bibles, as many in the church don't have one. Praise God we were able to take him two cartons.

We took a trip up north in September to celebrate Jan's mom's 97th birthday. It was great! She loves candy, so every one gave her some. It's great to be that old so you can eat what ever you want. We also found out our new great grand child, due in February, will be a girl.

They had a party for both sides of the family and when the decorated box was opened, all the balloons and confetti were pink. So now we can all buy girl things. When our son was born everything was yellow or green, until he was born, as no one knew the sex until birth. Meghan and Josh are very excited and will be great parents. So, on the trip we were able to celebrate the old and the new.



Nacho receives his new guitar

Many of you have asked about helping churches and the "Feed My Sheep" program for Christmas. We will be giving money donations to three churches that we work with on a regular basis so the



Jan and her sister, Phyllis, celebrate their Mom's 97th birthday!

pastors can provide whatever is needed for the children in their own church. We will also give a money donation to one Feed My Sheep that we support. If you would like to help, please send your donation marked for Children's Christmas. We also can use more donations for Bibles. We appreciate your generosity. If you make a donation we will see that you receive pictures of the pastors and children.

We have been informed that several of the people that came to Reynosa last week and several others want to come to Reynosa to visit the pastors we work with and make plans for several mission trips in 2016. Praise God! Please pray for these dear people as they prepare to do Gods work.

We hope their are pretty colored leaves where you live and nice cool days. It is still over 90 degrees here in San Antonio, but the cooling trend is on its way.

Thank you, Lord

We are happy to report that Sylvia is responding well to her chemo therapy treatments. She only has one more session, and the doctors are very pleased with the results they are seeing. She also has had very few adverse reactions. Tired for a few days after treatment, but, nothing more.

Still no evidence of Mexican violence for the American groups. As more people return to work here, they are slowly discovering that the danger of violence against innocent people in Reynosa is actually less than the problems in most American cities. Not one group that has come has had any kind of difficulty.

Because of this, even more churches coming back, even though the number of participants is low. So far we have 8 churches who are planning trips for 2016. Each church that steps out in faith, even with a small number, sees an increase in participants each year, as the people return and spread the word that their fears are unfounded.

We have truly been blessed by our new relationship with Pastor David and his wife, Marlen, in Colonia Quince de Enero. They are two of the most dedicated people we have worked with. It is really great to work with folks who love the people and have short and long term goals for their community. Plus, over the past several months a real friendship has developed, and we love it!

Please Pray with us

We ask you to pray for one of our friends who is contemplating coming down to work with Vamonos on a permanent basis. She has been coming down to work for many years, and now feels that God is calling her to step away from her secular job and go into full time service. We are in the process of defining the role she may fill and making sure she understands all the ramifications of full time ministry. She is also seeking the counsel of Pastors and friends in her area.

We also ask for prayers for our church here in San Antonio, as we move to a new building. The leadership has been praying for a new place, as we have been meeting in a school and it is difficult. We will be renting part of a church building for our Sunday School and using the sanctuary early on Sunday morning. We praise God for this opportunity and hope to reach many new families. We are grateful for this church, as they have welcomed us in to their fold and give us an opportunity to use our gifts God has given us. Jan teaches children and George preaches from time to time and helps the pastor in any way he can. Several people come to our Thursday Evening Bible study also. They are very excited to be involved in Mexico, they have made two trips down this year.

Please pray for our friends, Steve and Suzanne Wilkinson. Suzanne brought a mission team to Reynosa just after we joined World Servants back in the 90's. Steve has pastored several churches in the past 20 years, and, not only is he one of George's most respected friends, he has been a big part in our overall ministry in Mexico. Suzanne has recently been diagnosed with a brain tumor and is scheduled for surgery mid November. Please pray for her rapid recovery and God's peace for the entire family as they go through this difficult time.

Please continue to keep Sylvia in your prayers. She will have the last chemo treatment next week. She is doing well, but, it has been a difficult time for the entire family.

We are still trying to sell our old camp pickup truck. Please pray that God will send the right buyer.

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George and Jan

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