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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you for praying for us and for your support of our ministry. As we all celebrate Thanksgiving (here a blend of Southwest and Mexican), we remember you in our grateful prayers to our gracious Lord. You have been a powerful instrument in God's hands to spread the Gospel around the world. Thanks!!! (*¡Muchas gracias!*)



FAMILY

My wife Lety is recuperating from a week of a severe cold, flu or something! She is feeling much better, but she needs some rest.

Our oldest son, Aaron (Danny) lives and works in Phoenix, Arizona. He is about to lose his townhouse, after two years of paying on it. He still has his job, but his income has been reduced drastically, due to severe reduction of his working hours, and there are not many job openings right now. Please pray for wisdom and trust in the Lord. He just got involved in the Phoenix Project PCA with Pastor Dave Bennett!

Marcos, our second son, lives and works in Dallas, Texas. He is a fifth grade teacher in the Dallas Independent School District. He is doing well and is very excited about his job. He has attended Park Cities PCA.

Our daughter Ana, is married to Marc Carrillo. They have an 18 month-old girl, whose name is Hannah. As you well know, Hannah is the most beautiful girl in the world. 🌐 Ana is expecting

their second child, little Mark. God willing, he will be born in March 2010.



I turned 62 on October 12, 2009. Life is a bit different than just thirty years ago! 😊 The Lord has been very gracious to me. Praise His holy Name.

SAN PABLO SEMINARY



The San Pablo Seminary is doing well. Four students graduated in June, and are already involved in ministry.



Currently, we have seventeen students who are dedicated, in the midst of hardship (strong violence in Ciudad Juárez, financial needs, health issues, etc). However, all of them are committed to study and to be trained for service. Please pray for our safety. Some people have said that, in the last two years, Juarez has been the most dangerous city in the world. So far, over twenty-two hundred people have been executed, mafia style, in this city alone. This is in addition to the "common" crimes. Please pray for scholarships, safety and faith, for both groups: students and teachers (and their families).

My wife Lety continues to do a great job with the San Pablo Seminary ladies. She has a multi-faceted ministry with them: Bible studies, counseling, books, fellowship, food, crafts, clothing and service ministries. These ladies are very helpful to the Seminary community. If you would like to know more about how you could help and participate in these areas,

please call us. There are many opportunities to be blessed and to be a blessing to many.

This semester (Sep. 14 to Dec. 7) we have enjoyed the teaching of Bryan Schmidt (Anchored Music Ministries). Bryan has sixteen students (thirteen in keyboard, and three in guitar). Though very basic, it helps much in this very important, yet neglected, area.

I have been working in a new educational contextualized project: a Master of Ministry. This project was discussed and approved this week by our Seminary Board. Please pray that the Lord grants us wisdom to follow His lead in every area of our life and ministry.

In December, I have been invited to participate in the BEAMM Leadership Retreat. We will thank our Lord for His grace during the past and we will pray and ask for His guidance as we discuss our plans for the next twenty years of border ministry.

THANKSGIVING



Though turkey and pies, stuffing and potatoes, cranberry sauce and gravy are certainly wonderful at Thanksgiving (or any time), they aren't the most important ingredients of a joyous holiday. Having our loved ones gathered together and knowing that each one of them is safely ensconced in a vital relationship with Jesus Christ makes Thanksgiving a way of life and causes all other seasonal blessings to pale by comparison. (K. Macias)

CHRISTMAS



Perhaps this year you and your loved ones will find yourselves in a position of having to scrimp and save a bit as you shop for some gifts and the special Christmas meal. Is that really so bad? If you have to cut back on a pie or two, does that mean you still can't have a wonderful celebration? Not at all! Rather, we all keep in mind the One Who has blessed us with so much to be thankful for, especially for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!!!. (K. Macias)

PRAYER

PRAISES

- For our gracious Lord and Savior who called us and sustains us in His service.
- For the PCA churches and individuals that, in the midst of the present financial hardship, keep praying and supporting our ministry here at the border.
- For our Seminary teachers and our last four graduated students and their loving service to the church of our Lord. So far, sixteen students have graduated from the School of Theology and about 200 have received a Diploma from the School of Continuing Education.

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- Please pray also for the \$2,000 monthly shortage in our MNA account. Several churches have communicated their sadness due to their lack of resources to keep supporting us completely. Two of them have decided to drastically reduce their support due to the same situation.
- Even when we have been instructed to focus on our support through MNA, we have to tell you about the need for scholarships. Please pray for this crucial need: \$600/year will pay for one student, no books included. We have sixteen who need help. You see the need!
- Please pray for the security of students and teachers and our effectiveness in the midst of social instability. We would like for you to come and help us. We need God's wisdom to give you sound advice about that. PRAY!

I have just presented the tip of the iceberg. If you would like more information about any area mentioned, or any other area left out, please, let me know.

Your servants for Jesus' sake, 2 Cor. 4:5

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