



# The Raymers

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TRAINING THE CURRENT AND THE NEXT GENERATION OF PASTORS AND LEADERS

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Dear Praying Friends,

*For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen. Romans 11:36*

Where do I begin counting the many blessings of our Great God? These past months have been full of one blessing after another blessing, and we realize that these blessings come from God.

In September we began our distance education program offering theology classes that Russell had been recording at the university for the past several years. We now offer these classes to students anywhere in the world with an internet connection. We were excited to have a wonderful response to these classes. We just finished the first semester of classes. This week we are beginning the second semester of classes offering: Survey of the New Testament, Homiletics 1 and Homiletics 2. We currently have 16 courses recorded and will be recording four more classes during this semester. We are excited to see God expanding this area of ministry.

As we mentioned in our last prayer letter, we are working on remodeling a building for the music department. Russell has been heading up much of the construction of this project. The first floor of the building was ready for use at the beginning of last semester. This first stage included building music offices, practice rooms and a music library area. The second floor was remodeled over Christmas break. This houses three practice rooms and a large classroom/recital hall. Last week we finished much of the area. We plan to be able to begin using the upstairs within the next couple of weeks. We are thankful for a number of people who generously donated about \$8,000 for this project. Please pray for us as we still lack the funds to put the finishing touches on this area and need to purchase the air-conditioning units for the classroom. Here is a photograph of the before and after of the classroom area.



The last of November brought our fall music concert at the university. Russell once again ran the technical aspects of the concert. We are thankful that each concert brings glory to God. This concert's theme was God's Kingdom. The majority of the students were involved in this concert and we had a packed house at the city auditorium. We praise the Lord that His name was proclaimed in such a clear manner for all those in attendance.

For many years we have had the dream of offering the OREMUNDO video Bible courses online, but time, finances and personnel have hindered this dream. In December Russell, along with Eddie Woodfield, held a meeting with a man who has used our materials for many years. He shares our burden for training national workers around the world. We shared our desire to put the videos online with him and the cost to accomplish this. A couple of days later he met with us again giving us funds to get a start on this project. The Lord also put a young man before us who is a graduate of UCLA. He worked with Russell on the UCLA distance education courses in the past. With the donated funds we offered him a six-month job to help us get these courses online. We are trusting that over the next 6-9 months the enrollments in the OREMUNDO and UCLA online courses will be sufficient to cover the salary of this young man.

We continue to see God's hand working at Grace Baptist Mission. We held our VBS classes in October and saw many young people come. Several parents came to the final Sunday morning service. Some of these parents continue to attend. We are thankful for some families from Genesareth Baptist Church who donated funds to purchase windows for the mission. These have been a great blessing as the weather has turned cool. We hope to tile the upstairs auditorium this coming month.

Debbie continues to minister to the young ladies of the university. Each week is filled with different young ladies coming to visit Debbie. She is currently holding two discipleship classes with different groups of girls from the dormitories and from nearby. Debbie was also asked in December to teach the ladies' group of a church nearby. Please be in prayer for Debbie as she ministers to these girls and ladies. She will be speaking to young ladies at an upcoming conference in February in the state of Veracruz. Pray for the conference that we will be attending the first week of February.

Carena continues being home schooled in the second grade. She enjoys her classes and does very well. It is fun to see her reading more and more. We have walked in on her several times as she reads her Bible to her dolls.

We praise the Lord for His protection and watch care over us. We spent Christmas in Texas with both of our parents. Debbie's sister, Karen, and her family came from Hawaii. It was a wonderful to be with all three sisters and their families.

Thank you for your prayers and your support as we minister here in Mexico.

In His Service,

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