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MINISTRY UPDATE

Dear Ministry Partners:

We have been very busy in the Everlasting Love Ministries since we last wrote to you. The Lord has given us much to do, and He has been working through us to His glory.

CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The Christmas party was a real success! Each of the 120 children - who come to the Bible study faithfully every Friday - had an unforgettable Christmas party to celebrate the birth of Jesus. God used the love of the Kuhrt family to make this party such a blessing to the children and their families. The Kuhrts have served God through the Apartment Ministry in this manner for the past 18 years, with their love, money, time and dedication - we thank them for their service to those who God would reach with the His Gospel message.



Our thanks also go out to our prayer partners and volunteers, who also helped make this Christmas party for Jesus special. Your love, time, and prayers help to reach the hearts of the children, by giving them a wonderful example of the true love of Christ seen in those who God the Father would use for His work. The children and their parents see the way you live, act, and think about others - and that makes a difference to them in being willing to hear what God's word has to say to them. God is using us all to plant the seed of salvation in their precious hearts.

God provided abundantly this year and we were able to share more than 60 extra gifts with the children of the Houston First Church of God - their pastor (Maxwell Rivera), his family, and the congregation have been participating in this ministry work at the Apartments this year with worship and the message to the parents of the children.

MISSION TRIP:

Nestor and I participated in a mission trip to Mexico at the end of 2009 - it was sponsored by Cypress Bible Church. The mission trip was to the city of Acuna in Mexico (across the border from Del Rio with a population of more than 200,000). It was a wonderful experience for Nestor and I, as it gave us an understanding of some of the churches in the area - we saw the physical needs and the thirst for spiritual growth in the churches in Acuna. We saw an open door with new opportunities to enlarge the mission field in Mexico.





During this trip we held a Christmas Bible School, where the children were exposed to the Good News. In addition to our Bible time, we had recreation, crafts and snacks - we were surprised to learn that for many of the children the snacks would be their only meal of the day.

There were 37 children attending this activity, of which 20 were new to the church which hosted our activities - this will be a great blessing to this church and their

outreach to their community. We were quite surprised to find that one of the churches was located in the middle of a dry river bed and was built out of old pallets, plastic, and cloth.

This is a testimony to the needs of the area, but also to the dedication to overcome obstacles in fulfilling the Commission to take the Gospel message to the world. To God be all the glory!

In His infinite love, God gave Nestor a blessing to be able to share with the pastors in Acuna; we were all surprised to see how He used Nestor. It is such a blessing to know that there are real men and women of God doing the work of the Great Commission.

Mark 16:15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." (NIV)

We want to share with you what was on the heart of one pastor, Pastor Daniel (Iglesia Amistad Cristiana de Mexico). We offered to assist Pastor Daniel's congregation with basic necessities, such as Bibles and other economic resources. Pastor Daniel's response to this was "We are more interested in your teaching us about the principles of organization, finances, material support for evangelism, and strategies; in the end, that will make us grow and strengthen our work, so that we will be ready when the time comes for an explosive growth of people responding to the Gospel message.

We will know how to welcome and embrace them, so that they will stay in the local church; because if we are not prepared, God will not send us more people because we could lose them because of not caring for them (Exodus 23:25, 26).

Nestor received this message as a super blessing because it is in his heart to work in the Ministry of Finances and teach about the Organization of Churches. God is great!

It was wonderful to share with the mission team "Families-2-Familias" from Cypress Bible Church. In only 4 days they built a new house for a needy family. The weather was very



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cold, but the uncomfortable accommodations were not a stumbling block that could keep them from being the hands and feet of Christ while building this house.

It was wonderful to have the opportunity to share with each of these families and their children. This is what the love of Christ does; when we left Houston, we were a "group" of 20 believers, and when we returned we were a "family" of 20 believers. We thank God that He gave us the opportunity to be intermediaries between the two cultures and create a bridge of aid.

2 Corinthians 2:14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. (15) For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. (NIV)

God always guides us and girds us with strength for His ministry, and He will give us the victory in Christ - one day there will be a victorious march into His heavenly kingdom! With this promise, God has opened to Everlasting Love Ministries "New Doors of Opportunity," where we will have the unique opportunity to step out in faith and work on the task that He has chosen to accomplish through us.

Nestor and I have taken this challenge with determination to magnify the glory of God. We are confident that our Lord will overcome with His power and grace any obstacle along the way of the 2010 Vision for Everlasting Love Ministries. Some of what God has given to Everlasting Love Ministries is presented below.

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS:

- 1. Education for Hispanic Pastors in: The Word, administration and finances in the Houston, Mexico and Costa Rica.*
- 2. Electronic Library and resources for Hispanic Pastors.*
- 3. Seminars and Conferences on evangelism, finances and administration.*
- 4. Vacation Bible Studies in Mexico (summer and winter).*
- 5. Improvements and repairs in churches.*

HOUSTON AREA BIBLE MINISTRIES:

I. Family Ministries

A. Spring Branch Area (West Houston), Northwest Corners Apartments)

- 1. Bible Studies for Children*
- 2. Bible Studies for Ladies*
- 3. Special Evangelization events working with Houston Primera Iglesia de Dios.*
- 4. Youth Bible Studies - 7-9 am on Saturday (a new event)*
- 5. Family Bible Studies - Saturday afternoon*



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B. Cypress Area (Northwest Houston) (Beginning work in 4 new apartment locations)

1. Children's Club. (Kid's Bible Studies)
2. Classes for Parents and Teenagers.
3. Ladies Devotional and "Tea Time" Bible Classes.

II. Financial Ministries

- A. Iglesia Cypress Bible Church
- B. Iglesia de Noroeste
- C. Houston Primera Iglesia de Dios.

2 Corinthians 3:4 Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. (5) Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. (6) He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant--not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. (NIV)

With these new doors of opportunity the Lord has revealed that the seed that He has given Everlasting Love Ministries during these past two years is ready to be planted in a good soil! It will be like a tree planted by the river - this is His promise for this time.

Everlasting Love Ministries wants to thank you for your continued faithfulness as we begin the year 2010. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace, favor and peace.

Blessings to you

Daisy & Néstor Bello

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