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The Thurston Report

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Dear Friends:

Warmest greetings from the Thurstons. How privileged we have been to visit many churches and friends these past few months. We are also very excited about all the amazing things God has been doing, both here in the U.S. and in Chile.

Reaching into all the world with the Gospel is our priority. We are one of the few ministries that is ministering into all the world at the same time. The US Department of State has compiled a list of nations that allow disregard towards religious freedom. Some of these countries include China, Egypt, North Korea, Saudi Arabia and Vietnam. Though spreading the Gospel in these nations is discouraged, our Internet site statistics proved visitors came from some of these nations. In fact, we have people coming into our Web site from over 130 countries, including more than 80% of the countries on the list. It is interesting how the Lord is working in these countries. Not long ago we received the following letter.

“ Brothers in Christ. Greetings from Egypt. I am Sergeant Luis Diaz from Colombia. At the present time I am with the United Nations multinational peace force between Egypt and Israel, but most of all I belong to the army of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords Jesus. I have known the Lord for 30 months and I take the message of repentance and Good News of Salvation to wherever Jesus has allowed me to go.

Twelve months ago I was sent to Caqueta, Colombia where the Lord began a work and today soldiers and officers are meeting to worship the Lord. One month ago I was sent to the Sinai Peninsula Egypt and the Lord continues to work through me. We are now 6 Christians and we meet in a room to pray and study the Word, but have the confidence in Jesus that He will raise up an altar in this place and many souls will repent for the glory of the Lord.

Brothers, May the Lord continue blessing you and I want you to write to me and pray that I will continue to serve our powerful King of Israel in whom we are victorious.”

RETREAT

In February, we had our annual staff and volunteer retreat in El Quisco, Chile. Although not all 42 were able to attend, we had a great time of fun and fellowship.

INTERNET EVANGELISM CONGRESS

On June 24th, I will be flying to South Korea to attend our annual Alliance Internet Congress. This alliance is comprised of the largest Christian web sites in each foreign language and we have been part of it since its inception. This year the congress is expected to have over 28 key participants from all around the world. We praise the Lord that He supplied the necessary funds for the trip. I'll give you a report in our next letter.



Part of our 42 ministry staff and volunteers

FAMILY NEWS

Paul, our oldest son, has been helping in the recording and editing of our evangelistic TV programs. This past month he was elected as secretary to the Short Documentary Association of Chile. This is a filmmakers guild. This position allows him to come into contact with many of the government officials, as he seeks to get grants for the guild.

MARY JANE'S WEDDING

Our daughter, Mary Jane, was married on February 25, 2006 to Paulo Cesar Gonzalez and they received as a gift a honeymoon to Bellingham, WA. Her husband, a computer engineer, has been working full time with us in the ministry for a number of years with part time pay. He has been a tremendous asset as he programs and maintains our evangelistic web sites. Please keep them in your prayers as they work to raise financial support so they can work full time with us in the ministry.



Mr. and Mrs. Paulo Cesar Gonzalez

Steve, our second son, is currently in the planning stages of a large evangelistic event for the ministry where we want to reach out to and impact people in Chile. We will be sending you some additional information in the fall regarding this event and how you can join through your prayer and support for it.

NEW SHOW IN DEVELOPMENT

We've embarked in a direction that will allow us to make children's programming that teaches, in practical ways, how to fit in to society. We want to give children tools to overcome difficult situations and we want to do so in a way that is fun and appropriate for their interests. We are designing two series that deal with the same issues. One is animated and is geared for small children while the other is a show geared towards the space and fantasy interested teenage crowd.

If you have a grade school or child psychology PhD background, or know someone in your congregation that does and would enjoy collaborating with us in these endeavors, by all means please let us know. We are looking for collaborators that could suggest how to improve our shows.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- We need to find a professional Christian counselor who speaks Spanish and has the available time to help out the hundreds who come into our site on a weekly basis seeking help. This counselor would be a great asset and who can help these people out spiritually and emotionally. Just before I left Chile, a girl from Colombia came on line and said she was raped the previous week and was afraid to tell anyone about it. There are so many who are on the verge to commit suicide, have been physically or emotionally abused. Please pray for these victims and that a needed counselor is found.
- Continue to pray with us for more monthly personal support. The currency exchange is changing drastically and our monthly support is decreasing due to this exchange rate. Also keep it in your prayers that the Lord will provide additional personal support for the 3 national couples who are working with us.
- With the many people who come through our home each year, our living room set is ragged and worn out. Please pray with us that the Lord will supply a replacement.
- For protection to the trip to Korea and the return trip to Chile on July 4.

PRAISES

- * We praise the Lord that Lina's mother's health is doing a lot better. We praise the Lord that our family is doing well.
- * We praise the Lord for the wonderful blessings he has poured into this ministry for the advancement of His work.
- * We praise the Lord for the opportunity of being with my family who live in Washington.
- * We praise the Lord for funds we received to get one of three new servers needed. This will allow us to reach more people for Christ.

Blessings,

Jim & Lina

"The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail" *Isaiah 58:11*

Reaching the World while Focusing on Latin America