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Dear Friends of Jesus,

Here we are ready for another day and waiting with great expectations for the working of the Holy Spirit. We will not be disappointed.

Our medical, dental, and optical clinic was moved to the University today to take care of the students and staff. Dr. Roy and Delores went to a different city to meet with a local doctor and teach her and patients the proper care and control of diabetes. While they were there doing this service a woman came in and said she was ready to deliver her baby. Dr Roy put in an I.V. line but said he didn't take care of the other end and left it to his nurse/wife Delores and the local doctor to finish. A healthy beautiful baby boy was the result and all are doing fine. Bob wanted to see the little one when he was cleaned and wrapped but refused to hold him less he break the poor thing. The baby was a good size at about 9 pounds and the mama only labored for 30 minutes at the clinic.

Bob and Rigo went to the Mayor's office to get a special wave of the law that says you have to wait 15 days after applying for a marriage license to be married. We have a couple who have been living together for some time and have decided to accept Jesus and be baptized. And of course the church will not baptize someone living in open sin, so the plan is for them to be married this Friday and be baptized on Sabbath.. Bob was able to get them to wave the 15 day time schedule even though the Mayor had been called out on an emergency to Tuxila and could not meet with him. Bob told me he just went to a higher power. When I kept at him to tell me who it was that was higher than the Mayor in town he finally told me....God! Amen. After leaving the officials office the two men had some time to spare before picking up Dr. Roy so Pastor Rigo decided he would like to go and talk to some of the families that were interested but had not made a commitment to baptism this week. He really talked to them in a point blank manner about the necessity of choosing Jesus and they committed themselves and will be part of the baptism this Sabbath. One lady would not commit at this time but did say she will be at the meetings. Pray for her to get off the fence and onto the side of life.

The local church members had a meeting together a few days ago and divided up all the different chores that would need to be done to make our meetings run smoothly. Some would be in charge of flowers, some the audio system, greeters, registration table and so on. They really have rose to the challenge and are doing a great job. They had not been really interested in evangelism or at least didn't think they were able to do it themselves but I think now that they have a part and see that it is something that they can do, things will change for them. This really is a ripe area just waiting to be fed the truth of the Gospel. Great things are going to happen here this week and in the times to come. The people are so sweet and kind that it makes my heart long to be close to them. There is something special that those living in conditions like these have that we don't. They have a interpersonal relationship with each other that is so loving. There is no outside influence to pull them away from each other and make them lonely. They need each other to survive as material things are not to be had, or ever expected.

As you remember, we had a large hall reserved for this evangelistic thrust but because of the carnival in town we did not use it and moved to the smaller Central church. Well Eric tells me that you can go to youtube.com and search for Jitotol Mexico carnival and will get pictures of it. If you are anxious to know what the word carnival means as I was I will tell you how Pastor Rigo explained it to me. The word carni means "flesh" and vale stands for the god Bael,, a demon god. That is why all the ugly mask and the flesh part brings in the lack of modest clothing right down to nudity. And of course with this kind of demonic activity comes the sensual dancing and fornication. Pretty scary stuff once you know what it really is all about. Gives a whole new look at Mardi Gras doesn't it? I have personally never been to the one in New Orleans and now there is no way I would ever be in any close proximity to it for any reason.

The optical clinic passed out 100 pair of glasses today. Some of the younger folks who came didn't need glasses but just wanted to be tested. One man had his own lenses but his frames broke so they were able to get him new ones. The dental clinic saw 100 patients today for exams and extracted 10 teeth. I do not have a total for the medical clinic but I do know they were not very busy today. At the construction site 264 blocks were put down. The sides and back are almost finished. It is coming along nicely. Dave, Ron, Jeff and perhaps one other spent the day putting up the wall which will look very attractive when finished.

Tonight's meeting went very well. The topic was on salvation and there were at least as many present if not more. And to think, most of these people all walk in the dark to hear the word preached, Hallelujah!

The local church had brought in a generator in case the electric went out again. It had been on all day here but just before it was time to leave for the meeting the lights did go out for just a couple of minutes but then came back on. During VBS Dr. Mark gave a dental hygiene health nugget for the children to think about. The sound system was not as good as could be and Eric will work on something for tomorrow night. The local church sill be bringing in another sound system to put outside along with more chairs for the folks tomorrow night. Isn't it just fantastic to have a church so filled that they are flowing over? Praise the Lord! I heard Kim, Amy, Courtney all remark on how well behaved these children are, in fact the most behaved of any where we have been. Bob's comment was these kids are perfect! Kim certainly had a happy contented look on her face when she came in.

Now on to Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power. Both now and forever. Amen Jude 24, 25

Because of Him I smile,

Jennifer Young, Mission Reporter