

Pray for the Aguilar Family

Fall, 2020

Dear Friends,

Looking back over this year, we are sure all of you will agree with us that 2020 was a year like no other! So many unforeseen events took place! Overnight our Christian school classes changed to online learning, and our three university students moved back home. For several months all of our church services took place online. It was a strange feeling to play the piano and preach to an empty auditorium! After happily going back to in-person services, our church was temporarily forced to return to online services for several more weeks due to an outbreak of COVID-19 in the English church. So far, thank the Lord, no one in our Hispanic ministry has been infected with the virus!

Julie's anticipated college graduation ceremony was cancelled. Our annual Vacation Bible School outreach was cancelled as was our annual church retreat at Living Water Christian Camp. Instead of focusing on all the activities that were cancelled in 2020, it's time to say with the Psalmist in Psalm 103:2, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and **forget not all his benefits.**"

What benefits have we seen from this strange year 2020?

- God's faithfulness! Despite our attendance being adversely affected twice by church shutdowns, our offerings have actually increased! God has been so good to provide for the financial needs of our church.
- Outreach opportunities! We have restarted our outdoor soccer ministry as a means of reaching the Hispanic community around us. Jacinto preaches the gospel at every game and has had good response. Several men have visited our church services as a result of this ministry.
- Missions Conference! We just enjoyed one of the best mission conferences we have ever had. The preaching was convicting and encouraging, and the testimonies of the missionaries who are joyfully serving the Lord was a great blessing—just what we and our church needed at this time!
- Our church helps the church we planted in Calle Doce, Mexico, with financial support for their small Christian school started several years ago. It is a special joy to know that several adults, who were children when we served there, have grown up in the church, graduated



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Daniel, Judy and Eliana Ramirez

from the Ebenezer Bible Institute, and are now teaching the next generation.

- Our faithful praying friends and supporters have continued to hold us up in prayer. This has been a hard year on our family emotionally and physically. We would not be able to continue without God's grace and your prayers! Thank you, thank you from our hearts!
- We are grandparents! Our first granddaughter, Elliana Jane Ramirez, was born on September 17th! She has already filled our hearts with joy and praise to God for this wonderful gift!

Like everyone else we do not know what to expect in 2021, but what we do know is God will still be God, God will still be good, and God will still be faithful!

Happy Thanksgiving to you all from our hearts to yours!

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