Dear Praying Friends, November 2023

God has been showing His infinite goodness to me this semester which has been different than previous years. This year God allowed me to take a break from teaching English at the Christian school and to focus more on teaching music, which happens to be what I love doing most of all. I am teaching music theory at Ebenezer Bible College and Seminary, which has been both challenging and fulfilling. I am blessed to be able to prepare God's servants to serve Him musically in the church. The focus of the Bible college is to train men and women for full-time Christian service, especially in the areas of teaching and preaching God's Word, but many times God's servants are called upon to help in the music ministry, and thus need to have a basic knowledge of music and the ability to lead singing, whether congregational singing, choir directing, or directing smaller musical groups or a children's choir. Please pray with me for wisdom in helping the students towards that end and that I might present each concept clearly so that both those who know music in the class and those who don't might understand.

I continue to teach private music lessons. In past years I have taught voice and piano and now, in addition to those, I have two beginner violin students. I started learning violin here in Mexico about five years ago, and now I have the privilege of teaching it. There is another violin teacher who teaches most of the violin students, of which I am one. There is also one other piano teacher and one flute teacher. Please pray for all the music students as we prepare for the Christmas recital on December 8; and, most importantly, that we will use what we learn to serve God with music and to be able to teach others also.

This weekend, November 10, 11, and 12, we have our annual conference (special services) on missions at Emanuel Baptist Church. The focus this year is on missions and evangelism where we are, or "reaching our Jerusalem." On Saturday the 11th, we will have an international dinner with foods to try from different countries. We usually get a lot of visitors on that night, so please pray for the Gospel to be presented in a clear way. Also please pray for Christians who attend the services, that God will speak to us about reaching others with the Good News.

God is continuing His work at the mission church plant in Tres Reinas. We still do not have electricity, but God has blessed us with cooler weather in the mornings. We have children's Bible club on Saturday mornings and are trying to do evangelism and discipleship at the same time, but it depends on how many of us can go. Sometimes we have enough workers to divide up so some can go on door-to-door visitation or visiting contacts, and sometimes we all need to stay at the Bible club. Please pray for the health of the workers (mostly Bible college students) and for church members to also get involved. The harvest truly is great, and the laborers are few. Please also pray for the salvation of the children who faithfully attend Bible club on Saturdays and church on Sundays, and for us to be able to reach their families with the gospel as well. Please pray for the spiritual growth and faithfulness of the few adults who attend on Sundays and for more families to be added to the church.

I would also appreciate your prayers for continued strength, not just for me, but for the other teachers, the Bible college students, and pastors and workers here, that we will not be weary in well doing. It is at that point in the semester where we need an extra helping of God's strength to keep going.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support!

In Christ, Janine