

THE NEW YEAR JUST STARTED

February 28, 2017

Dear Christian Family,

The second month of our new year is at its end. It seems that yesterday our new year had just begun. I need to catch up and tell you what has been happening at **SAEM**. The mission began its new year with a blessing for me from the Good Lord. I was allowed another opportunity to serve in Costa Rica! I left to Houston, TX where I met the team of **Joshua One Ministries** from OK. From Houston, we traveled together the rest of the way to San Jose, Costa Rica. I give thanks, once more, for the monetary gifts sent by you, which covered the cost of my trip. There was a bit of construction done for a couple of churches, but the important phase of the trip was the Saturday conference. The director of Joshua One, Terry Hull, taught the first class from a series of ten, to about forty people; pastors and church leaders from and around San Jose. I served as translator to Terry; it was truly a blessing to be there and share with these loving Christians! **SAEM's tracts, New Testaments and Bibles were given to all that attended.**

Back to El Paso and SAEM, our work continues as usual. It appears that the fear of going across into Juarez, Mexico has eased up. We are receiving orders for our children's packets from the work teams joining **Casas por Cristo** that will be building homes in Juarez. We are busy keeping up with that as well as the orders of literature.

SAEM received a food blessing from **Rick Caywood Ministries** from Crawford, Texas. This ministry provides beans, rice, cornmeal, corn and bottled water - not only to the thirty-one ministries in the U.S., but they help nine countries besides. It has been my pleasure to connect this past year with Rick Caywood, director. This month he made it a point to directly bless SAEM with a shipment of food. In turn, this blessing is being taken into Juarez, where the need is so great. Just this morning, five pastors drove into our mission and carried back with them 43 – 50# bags of the items mentioned. One of the pastors shared the fact that his church family prepares breakfast every day for the many children in his church area. It took a bit of time for the children to accept the idea of breakfast; they were used to eating once a day after school. The importance of a good breakfast is appreciated by the parents who could not provide it and the children, now look forward to breakfast before school!

We want you to see pictures because they speak a thousand words, right? 1. The happy children receiving Christmas presents; 2. The work that I was part of in Costa Rica; 3. The shipment of food to SAEM. We continue to trust in the Lord to give us the tools to help. Your love for Jesus and His people is expressed through your continued desire to donate to this ministry; our desire and ability to continue serving is here because of you. May God continue to bless you and yours!



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For Spanish American Evangelistic Ministries,

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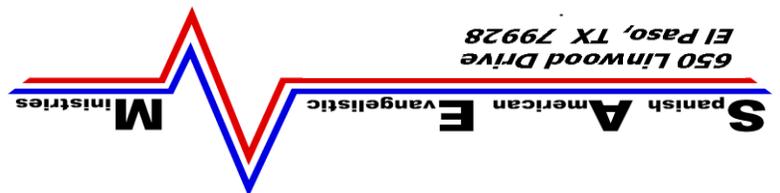


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A Love Reminder: SAEM has received the first donation for our "Candy Account"! We asked and God has begun to provide. This account can grow during the year and we can purchase yummy candy for the children before Christmas. Please keep this thought in your hearts...A small donation each month until then, will help so much!

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