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Psalm 103:2 *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits...*

Patsy and I were so excited about participating in the 45th anniversary of the Tabernáculo Bautista de San Miguel this month, but there was some concern about making the trip because of the violence that has plagued El Salvador for several years. We are grateful to you as our supporters and faithful prayer warriors and especially to the LORD for blessing in every way. We continue to be excited, but now the excitement is for what God is doing in and through the precious folk of San Miguel.

We were blessed to visit with folk that were saved and disciplined 40 to 45 years ago. Their faithfulness in the Lord is a great blessing and glorifying to Christ. They graciously allowed me to preach each night from Wednesday thru Sunday. The auditorium was packed each service, and the children had special classes. There were about 750 present on Sunday morning. I preached three times on Sunday. There were decisions made during the services, but I did not inquire concerning all of them because I do not like to report numbers in an effort to make me look good. I know that they are faithfully sowing the Word of God and inviting lost people to the services, and I just happen to be the preacher. God blesses HIS Word. We always want to recognize the work they are doing and give the glory to Christ.

I was privileged to meet with 31 servants of God on Friday morning. Except for me and Steve Cerna, (BIMI) missionary in Santa Anna, all were national pastors. To Christ be the glory, but, with the exception of three pastors from Honduras, all have roots in the Tabernáculo. It is a missionary's dream turned reality to see nationals with a passion for winning souls, making disciples, and establishing local N.T. Baptist churches that are autonomous (self-governing, self-supporting, and self-propagating). Some of the leading pastors like Roberto Nieto, Israel Argueta, and Victor Quito were saved in our ministry and/or mentored during our efforts to establish this church. They and the other men are truly men and servants of God. Each of the 31 men has made and some are making now great sacrifices in order to be in the ministry. We were able to divide \$1500 among the men, giving a larger amount to several that have greater needs as they seek to establish new churches.

To those of you that have supported our ministry and made it a part of your ministry, we say **THANK YOU!** from the depths of our hearts. What God has done in San Miguel is fruit that abounds to your account (Philippians 4:17) and to God's glory. We are thankful to have had a small part.

We were able to see Gina and Luis's newborn baby. We are considered great grandparents to the baby. Needless to say there was a lot of excitement in the Nieto's home. We hope you enjoy the photos and rejoice with us in His benefits...

Please continue to pray for and with us as we look to the Lord to meet every need.

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