



Enhancing Trust

Shades of Grace

Newsletter for Mark & Diane Shade serving in Nicaragua

Christmas 2019

“Do not be afraid! For behold, I bring you good news...”

The Christmas newsletter is always easier to start because of one thing - the birth of Jesus Christ! That is the very point of Christmas - that the Lord Jesus Christ was born into a human body!

Although we know that Jesus was not born on December 25th, this is the one day of the year we set aside to celebrate and remember His birth. We celebrate that God loved us so much that He was willing to allow “The Word” to accept a human body to live and die in - to pay our sin debt.

It isn't the baby in the manger that we are celebrating really. It is that Jesus Christ, the only son of God and 1/3rd of the Trinity (being fully God in that way) took on human form with the end goal and result being His physical death.

As human beings we tend to think of getting out of bed as being our first step to do whatever we're going to do on any given day. We don't usually think of and plan for a first step on a path that points directly to our death. But Jesus Christ did exactly that. He took the first step in a plan that included and ended with His death - on purpose.

Do you plan time in your life to share the “Good News” of Christ's birth (and death and resurrection) with others near you? What price are you willing to pay to accomplish that task?

Jesus took His first step to be the sacrifice to pay our debt and was born into a human body. As you celebrate Jesus's birth, what will be your first step to share The Good News with others in your life?

2020 Annual Pastor's Family Retreat

The single biggest effort we make each year is the pastor's family retreat early in January. All of the pastors are invited along with their family members. It is a time set aside for rest, renewal and fellowship.

This year we have been specially blessed to have a team from Bartlesville Oklahoma come and volunteer to help serve and encourage the pastors and their families! This will be a great addition and will be very uplifting for the pastors and their families.

Also a great blessing this year, God has provided all of the funding to make the retreat possible and a great success as well! We are so very thankful for all those that God calls to help fund the ministry that we offer to the pastors. And of course, we are especially thankful for all those who pray for us, the ministry, the pastors and the churches.

Thank you First Baptist Church Bartlesville for sending a team to lift up and encourage the pastors and their families! Thank you also to those who are praying for the retreat and of course for those who gave financially to help make it possible.

Luke 2:10-14

“10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid! For behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people:

11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

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Funding Update: William's Salary has been met!

William's salary is covered another year! Thank you to all those who prayed & gave to keep William serving the pastors & churches of BMDMI in Nicaragua with us!

Funding Update & 2020 Special Requests

Thank you to all those who prayed for our funding needs as 2019 comes to a close and as we prepare to launch into 2020. We are very thankful also for those who answered our requests in the October funding update and request email.

As we hope that you all know we try very hard to keep the newsletter as only a newsletter and not to fill it with continual requests for funding of the ministry. As we live out our trust in God for His provision though, we do occasionally need to share some requests for prayer for funding and indeed for more financial support.

As we look forward to 2020 and all that it may hold, we do see that God has sent us a great number of co-laborers - Nicaraguans who have chosen to join with our ministry in working together to share the gospel to all of Nicaragua. We see God working in many ways to open doors and prepare resources of every kind to be sent out into all of Nicaragua!

The next and largest of our remaining needs is to raise the funds needed to pay the sewing teachers. That budget costs approximately \$11,000.00. While we do have some commitments already toward that costs, we are still praying for and waiting for those who God will call to give toward that ministry for 2020.

Classes will begin in the 2nd week of February. Ideally we would truly feel blessed if we could have commitments to meet that cost before classes start again. While we have sufficient machines working at this time, we do need to add several items of furniture to each class to be ready for the 2020 class schedule to begin.

Additionally, we also have several other ministry needs that will need to be funded for 2020 very soon. These include supplies and materials for a ministry using the wood tools to make various repairs to both churches and pastors houses as well as making some much needed tables and other items for the churches.

Lastly, we will have many new opportunities in ministry this year as we again grow and take on new ministry efforts as God is leading us each day. We trust God to always provide what is needed to do the work that He will ask of us.

Would you please join us in prayer for those needs? And if you hear God calling on you to support our ministry, please don't hesitate to let us know. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your support!

Thank you to all of our partners! Your prayers are so important each day and we are also thankful for your financial support. As we continue to minister, we appreciate both daily. We cannot do what we do without you giving and praying as you do.

God continues to grow our ministry, bringing more co-laborers to work together with us. We are so excited for these new opportunities. Please join us in praying for God's provision as we continue to seek His path and all that He has planned for our ministry here.

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"Account #2380" in the memo line of the
check or a note in the envelope)

Funding Update continued

Also please feel free to pass this newsletter along. We love hearing of how God brings those to us whose hearts He touches to support our ministry financially.

For those who are already giving financially, we do want to say a HUGE "thank you!!!".

We really cannot do the work we do here without the gifts that you all give. The lives that are touched as a result of your gifts are many and often times are changed forever because of the support that you give.

We look forward to the new year with excitement at what changes God will bring and what opportunities He will invite us to participate in.

As always, we are thankful for your prayers and support in every way.

If you would like to know more about the remaining ministry funding needs please send us an email. We would love to share more about those needs with you .

If you would like to give towards a specific need, please just let us know that as well. There is still time to get in those year end gifts as well, for your 2019 tax planning.

Thank you for again for your support, both in prayer and financially.

Praises

- God's incredible provision
- God's continued leading
- A team is coming to help serve the pastors and families at the retreat!

Prayer Requests

- For God's strength to finish the year well and start fresh in 2020
 - God's continued provision of resources for our growing ministry
 - A very successful pastor's retreat
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