

...encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near (Heb:10:25, NASB).

In Step With The Reeds

December 2016

"Feliz Navidad" from our home to yours, and from our friends in Mexico and Colombia! We recently returned from a wonderful ministry trip to these countries where we encouraged five missionary families! *"Thank you"* for sending us to minister to these precious people through your gifts and prayers. A couple of times, we looked at each other and said, "People must be praying for us!!"

Below are pictures of these incredible servants whose lives are poured out for children in crisis and their families in the poorest areas of Mexico and Colombia. Through their actions and words they teach about the *"greatest story ever told,"* ...the *"good news"* of Jesus Christ whom we celebrate this Christmas!



Scott and Shona Henderson (pictured with a couple on their team) train and minister alongside their local church in Puebla to the children and community of Santa Lucia. They reach out through evangelism, discipleship, and community development.



Mexico



Gama and Ligia Canul work with churches on the Yucatán Peninsula. Gama also directs several evangelistic and discipleship camps yearly in Merida. What a thrill to tour Camp John 3:16 (pic)! It is a 24-acre property that is being developed into a campground to primarily serve the poorest churches and unsaved people in the Mayan villages, by making the Christian camping experience possible for them.



Colombia



Phil and Mariela Legal reach out with their team (picture) to children at risk in Chia, Colombia. Leadership training and discipleship are also part of their ministry.



22 years ago, Raquel de Jesus left the Philippines to reach out to the children of Bogota. What began with meeting children on the streets, became a Bible study in a home, and has now blossomed into a large ministry center and church, providing a meal ministry, vocational training, and a new church plant!



Denis and Sheila Garzon, give leadership to ACTION Colombia (the missionary team there). They are involved in church planting and discipleship in the poorest areas of Bogota.



We were so blessed and inspired by our co-workers! They love their work! Yet many of them were wrestling with challenges they were facing and needed someone to pray with and bounce their thoughts off of. Some of our most significant talks took place around the dinner table, while walking through parks, sipping Juan Valdez coffee, or hiking steep, cobblestone streets. What a blessing it was to also enter into their ministries with them including preaching, playing with the children, neighborhood visitation, and enjoying their families, neighbors and team-mates. **“Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon” (Isaiah 58:10).** They shine bright in the darkness!

But, home is still sweet to us, and we are thrilled to spend time with our family this season! May those of you reading this letter recognize how blessed we all are, and while enjoying the season, we pray it will be a reflective time as well. May you realize more deeply than ever before, God’s LOVE for you, and the real HOPE and PEACE He brings to those who embrace HIS Christmas gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. In closing, we wish you an absolutely **WONDER-FILLED Christmas!!** We love and appreciate each of you!

Just a quick financial update. With so many financial pleas from good organizations at this time of year, we are hesitant to mention our own needs, however, someone recently challenged us with this question, **“How can we know you have a need if you don’t tell us?!”** Point well taken. Here it is. We currently operate with about 80% of what we need for living, and ministry expenses (including the costs for necessary travel). Will you pray with us for additional support? **Thank you so much!** Financial **gifts can be sent** to the ACTION office address shown in the blue box. Please mark your donation for John and Georgie Reed’s Travel/Work Fund...**OR**... you may **give online** by clicking on the HERE in the yellow box below.

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