



Missionaries Jeff & Bettina Shue

~ *Serving with Valley Independent Baptist Missions on the
Texas/Mexico border in Donna, Texas* ~



Dear Family, Friends & Co-laborers in Christ:

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"Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it." II Thessalonians 5:24

This month marks 24 years of full time service here on the field! God has been SO faithful! He has sustained us and strengthened us through the thick and the thin. We are so GRATEFUL for His goodness in allowing us to serve Him in this small way here at VIBM! May we be found as faithful!

A lot of missionaries have been coming and going these days for housing and mail ... and many more on the calendar already through the end of the year. Please keep them in your PRAYERS for safety as they travel and for God's working and provision in their respective ministries in Mexico. We are so blessed to serve them!

We are so GRATEFUL for Gospel Light Baptist Church in Ohio driving over 1,600 miles (one way) with all of their tools to do the complete remodel on the outside of our 30 year mobile home. Even though they had to battle some rain and heat, by God's grace they persevered and were able to get a new metal roof on, all new double-paned windows, new insulation and siding, and a new front door. It is BEAUTIFUL!!!! We love it and noticed immediately the difference in the cooling ... our A/C now does not run 24/7!!! We could never thank them enough for this tremendous labor of love!

It is hard to believe that we are already facing the end of the year! Christmas Shue-bags will be starting to roll in here this next week. We have also started purchasing items to make up bags with monies that have come in. THANK YOU to each and every one who have jumped in to do what you can to make it possible to get these gifts with the gospel into many hands across the border for Christmas! Please PRAY for God's Word to not return void!

Please continue to uphold Bettina in PRAYER with her health issues. As we mentioned in the last letter, mid August found her back in the ER with another 15 mm kidney stone stuck in the right kidney and subsequent nephrostomy tube. The doctor chose to do lithotripsy (shock-wave) surgery this time mid September. Bettina passed MANY pieces of stone; yet, there were some small remaining pieces that decided to cluster together making them too large to pass. So Bettina went through another surgery to break them up mid September. This time all of the pieces passed and her tube was removed November 3. It has been rough having 4 surgeries in 8 1/2 week time frame. Please PRAY for continued strength and healing as she is now facing a 5th surgery on November 9. This one is to remove the parathyroid tumor which is causing her calcium to be too high, which in turn is causing kidney stones to form quickly. If you recall, she also had 2 thyroid nodules which the surgeon of 48 years thought was malignant cancer ... they were not. They are large enough though to be extremely close to the vocal chords, so he will also be removing them on the 9th to prevent them from growing any more and causing any permanent damage. Please PRAY fervently for this surgery that he will be able to take care of all of this without any complications or damage done. His plan is to preserve the majority of the thyroid ... avoiding any necessary medications later.

The 19th annual fall ladies retreat in Reynosa, Mexico on September 23-24, 2022 went very well! We had such a good turn out with 98 ladies on Saturday and 17 pastor's wives. Missionary Veneda White did a fantastic job teaching the ladies both days and we are grateful for Missionaries Wendell & Cindy Johnson spear-heading the kids classes! Also, Sister Veronica Villazana for stepping in and teaching the teen girls on Saturday. We are excited what God has done and are already making plans for next year's 20th year!

We ask for continued PRAYERS for Canaan Baptist Church! We have had a slump but are continuing to trust God to bring new people in who will help complete His local body. Please PRAY specifically for a young bi-lingual couple to come head up our children and youth departments. PRAY also for Sister Sandy Medellin and Sister Amelia Gutierrez who both have been suffering greatly with medical issues. PRAY for continued wisdom as we serve Him here. PRAY also for God to supply a work group to come after the first of the year to get our new flooring and interior double doors up. We are preparing to start the painting in the Sunday School hallway and fellowship hall (aka our current auditorium).

We trust that God will allow you to finish the year strong for Him! PRAY that we can as well ... for His honor & glory!

Looking unto Jesus, *Jeff & Bettina Shue*

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