

Hechos de los Pechos

“Hechos” means “Acts”

June 25, 2021

**Forgetting what is behind and straining forward for what’s ahead,
I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call in Christ.**

Philippians 3:13b-14



she will alert, learn to drive well, and be protected on the streets and highways.

MINISTRY AMONG PEOPLE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

Carolyn is happy with the progress of her ESL students, both in English and in their spiritual lives. She prays both FOR and WITH them. She prays at the beginning and a student at the end of each lesson. It is very gratifying to see how God is working in their lives.

One student, Nau, from Colombia is already a spiritual warrior and has been accepted at a Bible school in Texas. She has the documents necessary to get her student visa, but the US embassy in Bogota has been closed since the pandemic began. For now, she is taking classes online.

Another, eleven-years-old, in Texas, has told Carolyn that after two years in the US, he will not have a bilingual teacher in sixth grade. He has been reading first grade material with Carolyn and prayed at the end of one of his lesson, “Thank you, Lord, that I am learning English,” and he IS, but he is still learning so many new words during every lesson. It will be a challenge for him, but we can support Eliam with our prayers that he will learn quickly and be able to respond better and better in English and find favor with his new teacher. His mother is a single mom and she recently began attending church through the invitation from a friend. She was raised in church, but had not found one in the US. This family is from Nicaragua. There are other students also from Nicaragua and Brazil, who are making good progress.

Dear Praying Friends and Family,

Many, many thanks for your support in prayer and gifts of love. We continue moving forward in the love of God.

ESTHER

Esther finished her third semester at Mt. SAC Community College this month. Normally she would have one more semester, but due to the requirements to transfer to Cal-Poly, Pomona, she needs two more semesters at the Community College, which she will complete at Citrus CC in Glendora. Thankfully, she will be able to take more credits with her than what she originally thought. On June 21, she began her summer class.

On June 22, she went to DMV and got a permit for learning to drive. She desires prayer that

There is one other student, a child, whose mother tongue is English. Nevertheless, she has been in an immersion program in Spanish since preschool, but she still doesn't understand much Spanish. Carolyn offered to tutor her in English reading and she is loving it (!), though she observed that it IS more difficult when there are no pictures. Her mom has not decided whether to put her into an English program or not for second grade. Let's pray she makes a wise decision. She is one of the participants in the "Bible Club" that Carolyn was holding on Saturdays and said that she would like to be baptized. We ask God for wisdom in guiding her, that she will truly KNOW CHRIST and that she will take this step seriously so that at the right time it will be a FIRM decision.

Carolyn thanks you for your moral support. She would like to begin the Bible Club again with the neighborhood children and asks for prayer to be able to juggle all these activities along with her family responsibilities. Thank you!

Carolyn is also content to have been able to send materials this month to Pastor Jaime Heredia, a pastor who lives in the North of Peru. Although we have never met, this pastor, who was traumatized when 28 people died in ONE DAY from COVID in a nearby community, found Ruthanne Garlock's website and requested materials. Ruthanne Garlock is the widow of John Garlock, who was Carolyn's favorite teacher at Christ For The Nations in 1977. Ruthanne asked Carolyn if she knew anyone who could take the materials to Peru and God providentially provided the right person, Ben West, who has taken the materials to Lima where Isabel Guerrero will pick them up and send them by bus to Sullana, a province in the North. Connecting the dots for the materials from Dallas to Los Angeles to Oklahoma City (Ben's parents) to Lima to Sullana required a lot of communication and prayer was key. We know that sending them directly is costly and could take two months and if they weigh more than two pounds would cost the recipient as well, PLUS they might get lost. We have experience. God also provided for a study Bible that the pastor had requested.

AUGUSTO IN ACTION

Augusto wisely decided to postpone his trip to Peru until September to be able to attend to all the vegetables he planted. The radishes are gone, but the third round of lettuce and spinach are growing and the tomatoes, beets, and spaghetti squash are ripening. Soon we will have cantaloupe, cucumbers, pumpkins, and bell peppers, too.

He also studies dentistry, distance learning at a university near our home in Santa Maria, in order to graduate in Peru and, if God permits, serve in Tijuana again; he will do some in-person classes when he visits Peru in the fall (Sept-Dec) this year and maybe even some practicum. He also studies the Bible in order to prepare sermons to share wherever and whenever God opens a door.



Hey, Charlie Brown! It looks like the GREAT PUMPKIN has come to visit us here in California!

LOOKING AHEAD

Augusto and Carolyn dream about returning to Guinea Bissau, if God permits, to see how the dental technicians and the dental lab in Gabu are

doing and maybe do some work there, but probably not until Esther is established in her future work and, Lord willing, with her own family. Unfortunately, after developing magnificent materials with a Bible base, the workers abandoned the work. One is working in Portugal now and the other took his family to Togo. He is receiving more training in church planting and plans to return to Guinea Bissau, but we don't know if he will use literacy ministry to plant churches or not. This is very sad for us. We know that only God can provide right individuals to persevere in literacy ministry. Let's pray that God will call one or two such persons and they will respond and develop a dynamic literacy ministry there, perhaps from among the teachers and coordinators LEI has in Brazil, where Portuguese, the official language of Guinea Bissau, is spoken. There are so many there who do not know Jesus. Your prayers truly make A BIG DIFFERENCE! We have seen SO MANY ANSWERS TO PRAYER and anticipate MANY MORE!!!!

THANK YOU

We THANK YOU for helping us to reach out to those in need of God's mercy and His Word. We know the rewards will be yours as well. God bless YOU!

With love and appreciation in Christ,
Augusto, Carolyn, and Esther (Chaska)

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