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Dear Friends,

How wonderful it is to not only remember but, once again, anticipate the wondrous birth of the Christ Child. Advent gives us time to experience just that . . . remembrance and anticipation and the opportunity to sing: O come, O come, Emmanuel. The Christmas season is a time of celebration as we experience the wonderment of the greatest gift God could ever give us, a baby and yet a King, a child and yet a Savior, the son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ; and thus we sing Joy to the world, the Lord is come.

Christmas is a good time to count our blessings; and when we count ours we're counting you. You have blessed the "Give Ye Them To Eat" ministry with your prayers and financial gifts so that impoverished rural families in south-central Mexico can experience the love of Christ. Do you ever wonder just how your participation with GYTTE makes a difference in people's lives? You too are a wonder, you're remarkable! So, read on to learn how your involvement has changed lives and communities.

★ In March 2017, thirteen women graduated as community-based, primary health workers, bringing the total number of women trained through GYTTE's Health program to 235. Villagers have expressed their gratitude to have knowledgeable people in their communities who can assist them with their first-aid needs and orient them on health issues. The health workers served a total of 7,508 people this year.



★ The GYTTE staff provided development opportunities to more than 800 people through guided tours, classes, workshops and courses on alternative construction methods, appropriate technology, and environmentally-sound agricultural practices. Some families went on to build dry-composting toilet systems, fuel-saving mud stoves or solar cookers. A few built a small house using compacted earth and straw bales. Several farmers tried composting to improve the soil, and others terraced their hillsides.



★ The September 19<sup>th</sup> earthquake destroyed thousands of homes near the epicenter. At GYTTE's "Tree of Life" Training Center 12 structures were damaged. Immediately, messages of concern reached the program staff and soon donations started to come in for GYTTE's earthquake recovery operation.

Your financial gifts are helping to repair the Center and, more importantly, a straw-bale house is being built at four separate locations. In San Juan Pilcaya the Quiroz family is grateful to have a new home in which to live. The other houses are still under construction in this first phase of the earthquake recovery plan.

★ There is so much more that your prayers and monetary gifts have accomplished in the past 12 months: Dairy goats and sheep for underprivileged families at subsidized prices, scholarships for needy students so children and youth remain in school, Christian education workshops for laity and clergy,





- curriculum development for rural ministry and creation
- stewardship retreats for congregations.



Through all the above-mentioned activities and programs people have experienced the wonderful love and grace of God. The GYTTE staff and we are grateful for the prayers, love and generous gifts you have shared with the people of Mexico.

Peace and Joy,

*The Hendersons*

Terry and Muriel Henderson  
Retired GBGM Missionaries



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"Give Ye Them To Eat"  
Program through the GBGM Advance**

Through the Advance 100% of your donation will reach the GYTTE Ministry in Mexico.

Have the mission project name and code number ready:  
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