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Dear Praying Friends,

In times of economic difficulties, it is good to remember that some things are "priceless." The past couple months have given us such examples.

Priceless. When a three-year-old child raises her hand in prayer meeting to ask for prayer for her father, we know that the children of our church have learned the lesson that their prayer requests are important to the adults. Earlier this month the new step-mother asked Jesus into her life and is trying to be a good mother to her own children as well as the step-children, including this little girl.

Priceless. When an eight-year-old boy announces to the congregation that he has felt that God is calling him into special work, and we are able to affirm him.

Priceless. When nine people from two of the churches request baptism and a good group gathers for a time of worship and fellowship. One young man has been attending church for a couple years, but this is the first time he has shown an interest in really being part of the family of God. A pastor was surprised when a couple who has said all along, "We are happy as we are," announced that they were ready to take this step in their life.

Priceless. When you see a nearly blind woman receive help from a vision clinic and you know that the hours spent in this ministry are worthwhile. Jann was helping a group from another mission as they ministered to people who live in the city garbage dump. She explained to a woman how to read the vision chart. When Jann pointed to the second row of letters, indicating a vision of 20/200, the woman responded that she could not see the letters. Jann thought that she had misunderstood the instructions. The director of the program was standing nearby and discovered the story behind this woman's vision. When she was in her teens, floor cleaner was accidentally spilled in her eye. It is burned beyond repair. The look of radiance on her face when we were able to fit her with glasses to help her see better from the opposite eye was beyond description. She went away praising God for her new-found vision.

Priceless. When five new people come to church and one of the woman returns to Women's Club to ask how to become a Christian. Our pastor's wife explained the plan of salvation to her, and one of the other women prayed with her. She was invited to church by a neighbor, felt that the pastor was presenting a life that she wanted, and decided to seek help.

Priceless. The gifts we receive every day from our Heavenly Father. We are grateful for the support you give to us as we work here in Mexico. We are hoping that we will cross paths with you during our time of Partnership Building. We are already scheduled in many churches, The following Sundays are still open, and most of the week days are available:

September 20

October 11 and 18

November 15

December- all Sundays available

January- all Sundays available

In His service in Mexico

Gary and Jann Allen