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A lot happened in the final quarter of the year. We have had the joy of caring for Nolin's mom for the year and were surprised when a trip to the doctor revealed that she had inoperable cancer and had only weeks to live. We were blessed to take care of her and lead her comfortably to her new home Above. While we rejoice in the Hope that is given to us, Nolin is having a difficult time dealing with her loss. Please pray for her.

We also completed many special projects in Honduras that were gifts from churches that visited us last summer. One gave funds to buy Christmas gifts for every child in the village of Bartolo, and another paid for construction to enlarge our facility in Zurzular. The church has grown to have space for only about 70% of the weekly attendance. Also, some Baptist churches there have started a Bible Institute and graduated their first class. This provides a place to train our converts without us having to do it all.

The support of national church planters continues to grow. I traveled to Vietnam in October with Pastor Mike Mutchler from Oregon. Our next Progress Report gives a detailed history of our former ministry there and our plans for the future. This new group has 70 pastors and crossed over into Laos and Cambodia. I can't wait to see how you and I can help them grow! I am so thankful for American pastors who put me in touch with exceptional ministries and experienced preachers overseas. Your recommendations shorten our vetting process by years.

In the final months of the year, we were able to bless several thousands of our people in Central Asia, living under persecution and economic stress. Your offering allowed us to buy food bags to accompany the Bibles we smuggled to them. I received a call saying that our team was leading, on average, eleven adults daily due to your generosity. The church is swelling. But please pray also for our brothers in Syria, where we now have **550 families** homeless, jobless, and virtually hopeless. Your recent gifts facilitate our efforts to "rescue the perishing" - our perishing family and their Muslim neighbors seeking Hope and Truth.

Currently, I am scheduling meetings for the year and planning international trips. This is a good time for me to invite and encourage you to visit us for a week on a Visionary Trip in Honduras. Come see the work you have supported and enjoy our newly remodeled, clean, air-conditioned facility. We are expanding to several new towns this summer, so you will have many opportunities to help evangelize using our many interpreters. We have booked only three weeks so far, so this summer is wide open to you. By the way, we now have new dorms for teenagers that can house up to thirteen in each room—one for boys and one for girls. And we now have high-speed, Star Link internet service—FREE—for those who just can't live without it. Give me a call to book a week.

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