

# A Season of Gifts

## Precious Friends,

We send you our loving Christmas greetings from Toronto, Canada, where we are praising God for sending His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior and along with Him for giving so many other blessings as well--each of you among them. Thank you for your prayers for us during this busy month of ministry in **Mexico, Tucson** and **Toronto**. God more than answered your prayers and ours. Let us share just a few of the highlights:



## MEXICO



**Jack** flew to Querétaro, Mexico, to minister to a group of some 20 vibrant staff working with university students. These campus workers, many quite new to the ministry, came with wide open hearts and minds.

**Jack** shares: *I have never felt that my contribution was more relevant, impacting, and encouraging to my audience. I felt the Lord guided me in all I shared. The staff members wrote deeply moving words of appreciation on a card which they gave me when I left. Here are just two of their kind words:*

*Dear Jack. I am so grateful for what the Lord put in your heart to share with us. He spoke with much tenderness through you.... I was inspired to believe through Psalm 138:8 that God will indeed fulfill His purpose in my life (Citlali). Jack: Thank you for your continued commitment to God's mission and in particular to students. Although I return home with some of my questions, so many more were answered, and I am now convinced of the faithfulness of Jesus (Daniel).*



## TUCSON AND TORONTO



While Jack was in Mexico, **Mary Anne** participated in our second all-church retreat in Tucson, where our congregation is choosing to make the "Great Commission" (Mt 28:18-20) our personal and corporate mandate and mission.

Both of us then flew to Toronto to participate in InterVarsity Canada's triennial National Student Conference. **Mary Anne** (left) was asked to share something of the spiritual history of the President, our dear friend, **Geri Rodman**, since Geri's interest in and call to Jesus and to student work began in our home in Bogotá many years ago.

We had so many precious opportunities to listen to staff and pray for them as they face future ministries in camps and on campuses. We fly

back to Tucson tomorrow.

## OUR IMMENSE GRATITUDE

This is our last Prayer Letter of 2017 and brings our deep appreciation for your friendship, prayers, on-going support and participation in our ministry. You have blessed us beyond measure and we count you among His great gifts to us.

In His Love and Grace,

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