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Dear Friends,

Warmest greetings during this special time of the year. We trust this will be a blessed holiday season for you and your family. We have so much to be thankful for as we celebrate the coming of the Savior into the world.

We are thankful to God for His bountiful blessings to us over the past 39 years of ministry, especially since 1990 when we first began taking short-term missions into Mexico. The ministry then expanded to include other Latin and Caribbean countries, with the primary focus on our closest neighbor to the south. We are thankful for friends like you and your compassion for the people to whom we minister.

As we look forward to upcoming mission trips to Nuevo Laredo, Monterrey, and Central Mexico; San Jose, Costa Rica, and Holguin, Cuba, we believe God has called us to a new mission field as well—Baltimore, MD, Bill's home town. You probably already know we have accepted the position of Executive Directors of Teen Challenge of Baltimore in September of 2008, but you may not know we just opened the newly renovated TC center in September of this year. We recently sold our home in PA and are temporarily living in an apartment at the center. This ministry brings with it many new challenges and opportunities, but we will not forsake the vision for Mexico, Latin America, and Cuba that God birthed in us 20 years ago. He is enlarging our borders and increasing our territories.

Three new mission trips are being added to our 2010 schedule, into the needy city of Baltimore. The greater metropolitan area of Baltimore is home to about three million people; 650,000 reside in the city proper. One out of every eight adults needs treatment for substance abuse, and every year Baltimore is one of the top cities in America for crime and murder, 80% related to drugs. There are many homeless people as well who need someone to share the light and hope of Jesus. IMPACT BALTIMORE 2010 will be three separate weeks of evangelism invasions, during the summer months, that will combine mission teams from various parts of the U.S. with local teams in sharing the gospel and reaching out to many. We hope you will plan to join us for one or all of these missions: June 7-12, July 5-10, and August 9-14. We feel God is leading us to help bring a new awakening to a city of spiritual darkness.

Planned foreign missions trips are as follows: December 5-12, a team of builders will continue work on the REACH ministry center in Colorada, Mexico. December 27-January 3, 2010, a team plans to travel to San Jose. Their mission is to reach 5,000 children, sharing Christmas presents and Jesus, the greatest gift of all. We plan to be in Cuba January 22-30 to participate in the Eastern District Council ministering to hundreds of pastors. In March, another building team is planning construction at the ministry center in Mexico, and in July, two evangelism teams hope to touch the lives of thousands in the squatter camps of Nuevo Laredo and Monterrey.

We are so thankful God has blessed us with partners like you, who help to make this ministry possible. Your monthly support and gifts have enabled us to go on stronger, especially during these economically challenging times. As we join the resources of REACH and TEEN CHALLENGE, we believe we will increase the effectiveness of each. We hope you will continue to pray and support us, understanding that our need is becoming greater. God has never failed us and will continue to bless as we honor Him.

Remember, "God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." Believing strongly in this truth, we want to spend our lives for Him.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas season,

Bill and Joyce Parks