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As we get closer to the Spring and Summer months, we look forward to the upcoming Vacation Bible Schools and Summer camps. We are excited that now we have not only been able to order the VBS materials, but the Lord has graciously supplied so that we were about to sent checks to pay for the full amount. God is so good! Not only have we been able to order and pay for the VBS materials but with extra funds that have come in, we plan to order more Sunday School materials also. This is so exciting!!

This month, because of illness of Russ Chapman (that goes each month to help minister at the Federal Detention Center), Duane went to minister by himself. Since Duane was by himself, he decided to change the order of service. He called on an inmate that had been there for several months (that Duane knew to be a Christian) to give his testimony of salvation. The Lord really used this and we continue to pray that the Lord will finish this inmates' testimony to touch the hearts of other inmates that attended chapel. This month Duane was privileged to minister to some 80 men—they came from many countries of Central and South America. There were also 2 men from Africa that attended the service. Many of these men had never heard the message of salvation in Christ Jesus before. **Pray** for these man.

The marriage retreat we had last month was such a blessing! Thank you so much for your prayers! The Lord really used it and it was so much fun that between sessions, the guitar was brought out and all were singing praises to our God. Now we ask you to please **pray** for us as we have two more retreats coming up. The first one will be held on March 9-11. The second retreat will be held on April 13-15. Please **pray** for us as we prepare classes and that the Lord will also prepare the hearts of each couple to receive His Word. One of the classes that we teach at the retreats is on family finances. This is so important. We show them that the husband and wife need to agree on expenses in the home and not depend on credit. Also, we ask you to **pray** for Marilyn as she tackles the task of photographer and book publisher of the retreat activities.

As we have mentioned in the past, we have quite a few students in Cuba. For some reason, some of our students have problems with the mail service where they live and do not regularly receive their lessons. Today (February 24) our friend, Trinidad Garza, left for a month in Cuba. He graciously took lessons for some of those students that have not been receiving their lessons. What a blessing this is! **Pray** that Trinidad will be able to find all these students and also be able to minister in their lives. He will be going to California in April to pick up our VBS and Sunday School materials,

Thank you so very much for your faithfulness in praying and supporting this ministry. We count each one of you as co-laborers in what God has called us to do. May God continue to bless and use each of you for His glory in 2018.

Serving together with you for His grace and glory,

Duane and Marilyn



Couples attending the February retreat