

THE WILDERNESS CAMP

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NEWSLETTER FOR – FEBRUARY, 2010.

To all of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ - faithful supporters of "The Camp."

We came back home from "The Camp" in Mexico, on January 2, 2010, with a great feeling of accomplishment. We were so blessed to have a really wonderful group of friends with us during the second half of the Christmastime holidays.

Under the leadership of Brother Al Mack and Brother Larry Poole, we finally have a new breaker box with all new breakers; the kitchen is totally finished, with lots and lots of electrical outlets (grounded this time) and six very nice new double florescent lamps. The brethren were also able to drill and extend the conduits through the walls with all new electrical wiring to four new double florescent lamps into the dining hall. We also want to thank all of our ladies, especially Jeanette & Tiffany Mack, for a super neat & clean kitchen. We are truly thankful to all of them for raising over \$2,500.00 for all the electrical supplies and the tools needed to do this tremendous work. We still need to pray for about 14 more lamps (\$50.00 dollars each) in order to finish the dining hall.

Please let us know if you are willing to help us defeat this "electrical giant" as we pray for the installation of a whole new electrical system throughout the three-story school building - we are hoping to go back in April, 2010. More and more of the children around "The Camp" are seriously & prayerfully awaiting a "Christian language school."

As our children prepared for Christmas, cleaning and decorating a little bit, they brought out a small nativity set and placed it on one of the tables in the dining room. It sure seems that as "**Aslan roared**" (as C.S. Lewis puts it) that the cold darkness and bitter desolation of the "Wilderness Camp" is going away with all the evils from years gone by, and that a new clean and bright spring is starting to show. Please do continue to pray that our Lord will continue "to roar" and that He will continue to bless and to protect everyone who comes into the "Wilderness Camp" - **to keep it pure and holy** - that our Lord may continue to purge every impurity and make it:

*"A VESSEL UNTO HONOR, SANCTIFIED, AND MEET (SUITABLE) FOR THE MASTER'S USE,
AND PREPARED UNTO EVERY GOOD WORK" II Timothy 2:21.*

We were truly blessed by a Christmas song that we hope will also bless your hearts as we keep our Lord Jesus Christ in our hearts, not only at Christmastime, but each and every day throughout the whole year. May our Lord give you a very prosperous New Year...

HOW MANY KINGS... by "Downhere"

FOLLOW THE STAR TO A PLACE UNEXPECTED – WOULD YOU BELIEVE

AFTER ALL WE'VE PROJECTED – A CHILD IN A MANGER?

LOWLY AND SMALL – THE WEAKEST OF ALL – UNLIKELIEST HERO – WRAPPED IN HIS MOTHER'S SHAWL – JUST A CHILD – IS THIS WHO WE'VE WAITED FOR? 'CAUSE...

HOW MANY KINGS STEPPED DOWN FROM THEIR THRONES? HOW MANY LORDS HAVE ABANDONED THEIR HOMES? HOW MANY GREATS HAVE BECOME THE LEAST FOR ME? AND HOW MANY GODS HAVE Poured OUT THEIR HEARTS – TO ROMANCE A WORLD THAT IS TORN ALL APART – HOW MANY FATHERS GAVE UP THEIR SONS FOR ME?

BRINGING OUR GIFTS FOR THE NEWBORN SAVIOR – ALL THAT WE HAVE, WHETHER COSTLY OR MEEK – BECAUSE WE BELIEVE.

GOLD FOR HIS HONOR, AND FRANKINCENSE FOR HIS PLEASURE, AND MYRRH FOR THE CROSS HE WILL SUFFER – DO YOU BELIEVE? IS THIS WHO WE'VE WAITED FOR? 'CAUSE...

HOW MANY KINGS STEPPED DOWN FROM THEIR THRONES? HOW MANY LORDS HAVE ABANDONED THEIR HOMES? HOW MANY GREATS HAVE BECOME THE LEAST FOR ME? AND HOW MANY GODS HAVE Poured OUT THEIR HEARTS – TO ROMANCE A WORLD THAT IS TORN ALL APART – HOW MANY FATHERS GAVE UP THEIR SONS FOR ME?

ONLY ONE DID THAT FOR ME... ALL FOR ME... ALL FOR YOU...

REMEMBER: *"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.*

For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds by Christ..."

Second Corinthians 1:3-5.

We are so thankful to our Lord and to all of you for all the love offerings last year, and especially for the monthly support for our caretaker and the electric bills.

We also have received some designated funds for our future tractor and farm equipment. Please, continue to pray for the funds needed to run the "Camp" during this year and a bit extra for the tractor.

For the time being we have decided to plant about 16 acres in sorghum ourselves by paying the workers as we go – this is a bit harder, since we have to really pray for the funds to pay the workers up front – but the end result (Lord willing) will be a better income for the Camp. We will use 100% of the harvest profit to continue with our plans to purchase a tractor or a track-hoe/back-hoe in order to clear about 150 acres. The price tag on a tractor big enough to do the work is about \$20,000.00 USD.

In His service, because of His amazing love...

Pastor Charles Alonso – Ephesians 2:10

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