

The Ortegas' Thanksgiving Note



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Giving Thanks on Thanksgiving

No, it is not a mere ACT of giving thanks, but an ACTION of Thanksgiving. This action is prompted by an attitude that pauses a bit to ponder, to consider all things. Surely, some of our situations involve *miseries*, perhaps the severe illness of a loved one, a horrible accident, the passing of a close friend or family member. But we also take the time to appreciate the Lord's *mercies*, which are new every day. According to the pilgrims' story, after the first year of these brave souls in the New World, only about 50% survived their harsh environment. They had a choice to make – to perpetually dwell on their painful losses or to express thanksgiving for the survivors. They figured that it was enough dwelling on the painful past and that it was time to prepare for the future. And so they did. They took the time to set their miseries aside and concentrate on the Lord's mercies.

We are eternally grateful for: Faith Fervor Favor Fruitfulness

1. God's **faithfulness** throughout this year. Amid physical challenges and unexpected turns in life, the Lord not only keeps us, but He also keeps thrusting us forward.
2. God's **fervor** in our lives that keeps us passionate to see new lives coming to trust Jesus as Savior.
3. God's **finances** through you to keep us in the ministry in McAllen, Texas and in Cuba.
4. God's **fruit** as He graciously uses us to reach precious souls. I am currently meeting with 18 new individuals who are coming on a regular basis to Maranatha. I am also conducting a Bible study on baptism for 5 youngsters who are hungry to know what else God wants from them.

We end with a profound sense of joy and gratitude for your faithful financial and fervent prayer support.

By God's Grace;
For God's Glory.

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