

The Townsley Times

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Dear friends,

This holiday season has been a busy one for us as well as a fruitful one. First of all, we had a “Birthday party for Jesus” complete with birthday cake, balloons, games, two piñatas, and of course, the story of Jesus birth. It was well attended and greatly enjoyed by all of the children who came. Starting January 2, we took advantage of the children’s vacation time and had a three-day vacation bible school. Over **eighty children attended** with around seventy every day – all packed into our carport. We were excited to see how the Lord provided the helpers and workers we needed to work with the kids and to make things go smoothly. On the last day we gave an invitation and **26 children made professions of faith!** We are following up on this with a regular Saturday Bible club in our carport.

We finished the fall adult Bible study with a mini Christmas party. Several families attended the studies including the two families pictured at the right. We were encouraged with the interest and response, however, we are still praying for their salvation as we can see the Lord working in their hearts. We are starting up the Bible study again this coming Sunday with a systematic study from Genesis through Christ.

Within the next few months, we are planning to start a teen ministry and a ladies ministry. We have a ministry for the adults and for the children; however, we see a real need for a ministry to the many teens in our area. Hannah has been really burdened with starting a ministry to meet some of the needs of the ladies here in our area as well.

On the home front, Hannah is doing fine with her pregnancy. The doctor said there is “no doubt” it is a girl! She is due April 30. Thank you again for your part in the ministry here through your continued prayers and support. They are greatly appreciated and of the utmost importance to the work here.

Please pray with us for:

- *the salvation of those attending the Bible study
- *more families to attend the Bible study
- *the spiritual growth of the kids who received Christ during VBS
- *the plans for the teen and ladies ministries
- *strength and wisdom in each endeavor

In His Service,



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