



RBW Reflections

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“United—That the World May Know” AAP Retreat



“Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brothers to dwell in unity.”

David penned these words in Psalm 133 and it describes the Adopt-A-Pastor’s Retreat held last month in Nicaragua.

There was great joy as we hugged, sang, studied, worshipped and prayed together. We rejoiced as we heard of God’s amazing work in some of the churches, and we cried with others as they shared the struggles they had faced in the past year. **Yaosca** came with tears of pain. Her father was dying and she had left his side to attend the retreat. Many prayed and the next day her sorrow was lifted as she heard that he was well and had gone home.

Francisco Javier came

with tears of thanks. He’d been in a terrible motorcycle accident and suffered head injuries, yet here he was, alive and well. Many had sent offerings via RBW to help with his surgeries and medical bills. He and his wife send their deep appreciation. Unfortunately on the last day, tragedy struck again as his mother died and he had to leave, but not before the brethren prayed and embraced him with love and sympathy.

At the retreat, each speaker gave powerful teaching emphasizing the unity that God desires for us in our relationships with Him, our spouses, families, congregations, and the Body of Christ universal.

This offer of unity is extended to all. We need



unity vertically between us and God. That’s why Jesus came. But He also calls us to have unity with each other. We have 10 pastors yet needing sponsorship of \$25, \$50, or \$75 a month. They serve sacrificially. They often live in substandard housing, traveling by foot or bicycle to serve their congregation’s needs. They consider the joy of serving Christ worthy of the cost. We can help. They’d love to partner with you that the world may know. Contact us if you want more info.



Thank You God for Christmas Presence

The present of Presence is the most blessed one we could ever receive. From the beginning of created time, the presence of God is pronounced. Adam and Eve got to savor the evening times in the Garden with God. The Israelites had His glory dwell in the tabernacle and then in the Most Holy Place of the Temple. The disciples reveled in the

Incarnation—Immanuel—Jesus right there with them in bodily form. And we who have believed their report have His sweet Spirit within us. But we also look forward with tremendous anticipation to the ultimate reality of His Presence in the New Jerusalem when He will be the Light and the Temple and there will be no place

where His Presence won’t be. His Dwelling will be WITH US. Do you need a renewal of hope? Read Revelation 21 and 22. The best *Presence* is yet to come! We rejoice! We take hope!

Even so LORD Jesus, come quickly!





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Crossing cultures to build the Kingdom



We, as a family and as a ministry, would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas. The year has gone by so quickly and the new year is upon us. Maybe you are like us and you didn't get everything done that you wanted to do. Maybe you have some regrets for the last 12 months. Then this is the best time to remember the reason that we celebrate Christmas—Jesus came to be the **REDEEMER!** He came to save us from our sin and the penalty for it. Rejoice! We have a Savior who redeems.



Heading Back to Mexico

“Rollin’, Rollin’,
 keep them wheels a rollin’”

The North Dakota faithful are making the 25+ hour trek down to Sabinas Hidalgo, Mexico once again in the early part of January. We never really know exactly what we’re going to do once we get down there—all you previous team members recall the word “flexible,” right? But we do know that there will be lots of lovin’ goin’ on. We’ll be helping with some construction that’s been underway since we were last there, and we’re going to be teaching the kids about the greatness of God as seen in the starry sky. There are a few new kids at the Casa so we’ll be getting to know them, too. We’ve had great response from folks about our **Kids at the Casa** sponsorship program. There’s more info about that on the website listed above if you’d like to get involved. Mario and Blanca, the directors of the

home, would really appreciate your prayers for more staff. It’s tough finding people who have a calling upon their lives to serve as surrogate parents to these kids who have a bit of baggage in their lives. We know we’re biased but these kids are like our own children. Pray with us for provision of godly houseparents and staff.



Partner/Sponsorship Opportunities with RBW Missions

RBW’s purpose statement - *to facilitate Christ-centered international relationships that serve, encourage, and disciple to build Christ’s Kingdom*, says why we exist, but how do we accomplish that purpose? Here’s how. Our **short-term mission trips** connect people face-to-face to work for the Kingdom. **ADOPT-A-PASTOR** joins Nicaraguan pastors with individuals or groups in a prayer and financial collaboration. The partnership helps pastors who may have pressing financial needs and their congregations aren’t able to support them—for a season. We also work with pastor’s kids who can’t afford to go to the university through our **Bekas for PKs** initiative. These young people carry their faith into the educational system and bring their educational skills back to the church. And finally, the **Kids at the Casa** sponsorships connect loving believers on this side of the border with children at the Casa Hogar Oasis.

We want to help believers expand their hearts for God’s work of reconciliation in every people group—to pray more effectively, give more sacrificially, go more willingly. Our efforts aren’t meant to create dependence but to assist for a season and motivate toward independence. If you’d like to help or have questions, contact us by email, letter, or phone.