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God bless you richly...

The months are passing and we want you to know that we are grateful for your prayers and faithful monthly support. As the years are passing by at what seems to be supersonic speed, we are grateful for the Lord's working in and through our missionary ministry.

In John 15 the Lord gives a special message to His disciples, and in reality, to each of us that are saved by His grace. He reminds those men of the special relationship that we as believers have with him; *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me"* (I want to emphasize that we are **IN HIM**... there is no changing that relationship) *that beareth not fruit he taketh away* (That expression in the original language is the Greek word "airo". In most cases it carries the idea of "taking up" as the husbandman would do to a branch that had grown downward and had become covered with dirt and mud and thus was not bearing fruit. The husbandman would kneel down and with fresh, **clean water would wash the branch and lift it up and place it in the trellis**. It is thrilling to think of the LORD as HE humbled Himself to come to earth and became a man so that He might die on the cross and provide through His shed blood payment for our sin and save us...and then once we are saved His going to the trouble of convicting us of our sin and cleaning us from all unrighteousness or sin (1 John 1:9). In these verses we see the need to **bear fruit; through Him bring forth more fruit** (John 15:2, 5, 8); and ultimately **glorify the Father through bearing much fruit**. So, we have fruit, more fruit and much fruit. However, there is another type of fruit bearing. It is found in verse 16 of this chapter. **As believers we should all be bearing fruit to HIS glory**. But how do we bear "fruit that remains"? In missions we do His will and seek to **win people** to the Lord through **evangelism**. We then seek to **disciple** these new converts (Matthew 28:18-20). And then we establish New Testament local churches or congregations (Acts 14:21-28).

Well, that is the introduction. **Now, what is the message?** For the fruit we bear to remain, we must carry on **our ministries according to the scripture**. By God's grace that is what we are seeing. Please rejoice with us as we see nationals in El Salvador making every effort to establish new churches. There are 40 folks from San Miguel that will be traveling some two hours one way, as a team, each Saturday to Santa Anna to help establish a church. Again, some of the folks from the Hispanic ministry at GLBC under the direction of Pastor Ricky Rosario are studying with him in preparation to carry on the ministry of reaching others. These precious folks are your fruit, and we praise God it **REMAINS**. Paul tells us in **Philippians 4:17** of one more type of fruit...**"fruit that may abound to your account"**. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!



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