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But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me. 1 Cor 15:10

For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me. Col. 1:29

The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things. Acts 17:24-25

Dear Friends and brethren;

In these verses we see a tremendous paradox presented by the Apostle Paul. His great efforts in serving the Lord, and at the same time his understanding that God does not "need" us. The solution to this is in the fact that it is God's grace working in and through Paul (1Cor 15:10) and that it is a GREAT PRIVILEGE to be able to serve the Lord and it is possible only by His grace, provision and power. So as we truly "labor, striving" we know that everything we have, do, and all we are in God's Service, is from His grace and presence working in and through us for the glory of Christ. He allows us to be His co-laborers in advancing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord!



We are thankful to the Lord for his blessing upon the classes in these past weeks. Our **students in the Full Time program** that are now living here on campus, have all been well, and the staff and families are also doing good. We have 93 three students in the two Bible Schools (Full-Time, and Saturday Seminary) and after the prolonged time of distanced, online studying, during the last year and a half, those who are now once again able to be in the classrooms are eager to learn directly from their teachers. So everyone is working hard, both studying and teaching, by the grace of God.

Many of you know that a large part of the "Work" that God has done through MITC over the years has been "Medical Missions". They have been a wonderful means of sharing the love of God, and the Gospel of Jesus throughout southern Mexico, helping those with infirmities and are in situations of limited or difficult access to medical help. My father Dr. John F. Hall started the medical mission trips in the late 1950's, as MITC was starting, going to very remote areas the mountains with medicines, and preaching the Gospel. By the grace of God the medical mission trips continue to this day. We have been blessed through the years to receive many medical professionals from the US, who have come to serve the Lord and share in God's work here in Mexico. God has used the trips of these "short-term medical missionaries" not only to be a blessing here in Mexico, but they themselves also are blessed, as they are called by the Lord to continue doing



missionary service in the Name of Christ! We recently received the following testimony from **Sherri Hagerhjelm** (wife of missions pastor Mark H. from FBC Haughton) who has led many medical mission teams to come serve with us, and we want to share it with all of you who are also a part of MITC. In it we can see the grace of God working in all things.

From Sherri: "Last week, I was working at a Hurricane Evacuation Shelter in Shreveport, Louisiana housing almost 1,000 people who had evacuated south Louisiana after Hurricane Ida. We staffed a medical clinic with ER physicians and volunteer nurses from across the city. One of the leaders in the disaster response efforts was talking with a MD in the clinic last week. He called me over to mention to this physician some of my medical mission experience and the conversation was so encouraging . . .



Dr. Tom A. was working in the clinic with me that day. He said that he frequently traveled to Ecuador to do medical mission trips with his church. As the conversation progressed, he mentioned that he first developed his love for missions after a trip to Cordoba, Vera Cruz, Mexico and the Mexican Indian Training Center while he was a college student. This physician is now much older, well established in his career and very well respected. He credits his many years of passion for missions to his first trip to MITC. Smiling behind my mask, I shared with him that my first mission trip had been to MITC in January 2005. We discussed how

God taught me lessons on that trip that have stayed with me and sustained me through multiple trips and countries. Dr. Tom A. and I talked with great fondness of the impact MITC had made on our lives as believers and partners in missions. Eventually, we talked through a Hebrews 11-like journey of heroes of the faith that are all active in missions and ministry today. He travels to Ecuador routinely to share the gospel and lead a medical team from his church. Jim B. was a petroleum engineer in Shreveport and made one trip to MITC with Broadmoor Baptist Church. He returned, changed his career and education and became the director of Baptist Global Response for the International Mission Board for many years. Dr. John F. was planning to be an engineer. He went on a mission trip to MITC with his father as a young man and totally changed his career path to medicine. He is now an ER physician at Oschner Health System in Shreveport and remains active in missions many years later.

My daughter, Hannah, made one visit to MITC at age 12. She requested every year and is a Spanish teacher, ESL teacher and translates for medical and church needs when requested.

The list went on an on . . .until we summarized our thoughts.

It is our opinion that the staff and students at MITC have no idea the impact they are making on a global perspective for the mission of Christ. Even when things seem limited during this global pandemic, the witness of MITC remains active across the globe. There are multiple people who have changed jobs, changed career paths, changed college majors and changed their entire perspective on the world . . .simply because they made one trip to MITC! The impact is great and to God be the glory!!

Thank you, Sherri R. Hagerhjelm"

We thank the Lord for his faithful presence and work among us! We thank each one of you who are willing instruments of His grace, as you lovingly support us through your prayers, and your offerings. May the Lord's grace continue to be upon us all, enabling us in this privilege of serving HIM.

All by His grace,











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