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about the newborn king, the old despot slyly encouraged them to find the child so he too “might worship him.”

Can you imagine the stir their arrival in the little village of Bethlehem must have caused? Can you imagine the surprise Mary must have felt when they stopped at her house with gifts for the boy? Gold, incense and myrrh – gifts for a king delivered to the home of a humble carpenter.

Now comes the point of our story. In the night, the Magi were warned Herod intended to kill the child. That night Joseph is also told to get up and flee in the dark with the baby and his mother. There was no time to sell their possessions. There was no time to properly pack for the move, but God provides! The gifts of the Magi – the gold, incense and myrrh – provided the means for their escape. Joseph was able to flee before dawn with his family before the evil king could destroy the child and that is how God rescues us: just in time.

“Just in time” is the way of faith. God provided a ram to replace the human sacrifice, Isaac “just in time.” God protected Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from the fiery furnace “just in time” and God will save us “just in time.” It’s the way of faith.



News from Ubaldo

Brothers and Sisters of St. John.

My dear friends in Christ, it is my prayer that the God of the universe continues to manifest himself in your lives. Thank you very much for the love you have for the work of our God, and may the God of heaven and earth continue to fill you with blessings. With regard to ourselves, we are doing everything we have to do, even with the pandemic. We are making known the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We still cannot have face-to-face studies with people in their homes because people are afraid of catching Covid-19. However, there are always people who want to hear the message of salvation. Another way we are preaching is through social networks, and thank God we are having acceptance from the people who see us there. We are also sending written messages over social networks with very good results.

There is a lot of contagion of covid-19 throughout the state of Chihuahua, and vaccination against Covid-19 is going very slowly. Even with restrictions, we do not stop preaching. We are traveling to the mountains to encourage the brothers there and to continue preaching. There, we were also able to receive the second dose of the vaccine.

We have plans for an evangelism campaign in Parral from May 19-22. Unfortunately, the state government has closed the churches there, but we hope in God that on the date scheduled the government will let us open. Please pray for us and this campaign.

God bless the brothers of St. John and also the brothers of Pratt.

Atte. Ubaldo Cardona



Key Dates

- **Vacation Bible School**
 - May 12 Work Night
 - May 19 Work Night
 - May 26 Work Night
 - Saturday June 12 One-Day Vacation Bible School!
- **Congregational Birthday Party!**
 - May 23, Potluck and Party after morning services
- **CORE Dinner**
 - May 24, Monday Night
 - **VBS JUNE 12th**

News & Prayer Requests

Please keep Joe’s brother, Rick, in your prayers. He is in the hospital and his sepsis is extremely serious.

Gayle is continuing to have bleeding problems.

We received good news from Paul, John’s friend in Washington. There has been some progress with his chemotherapy this week.

Let’s continue to pray for Curtis in Pratt as he wrestles with cancer.

Congratulations to Kayla and the whole class of 2021 as they are graduating!