



Merry Christmas FROM Gene & Alice Burge

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Let us start by wishing you a politically incorrect greeting, *MERRY CHRISTMAS!* We are sure glad that we have a Saviour that became flesh over 2000 years ago and dwelt among us in order to die to save us from our sins. No wonder we who know Him can greet one another with that Christmas greeting that is indeed merry.

Since our last prayer letter, we have been in Faith Promise Conferences in six states as well as meetings in Colombia and Germany. The Lord has blessed the ministry of BMFP Missionaries Alberto & Nelcy Gomez. Out of the main church they planted nineteen years ago in Cartagena, Colombia, six more churches have been started. In a day and age where people say it can't be done, the miracle is that each church has their own pastor and was started without American money.



Parts of the Sunday Night Crowd in Cartagena,

Alice taught a tremendous group of ladies in two morning sessions and I had the privilege to preach in three of the churches. During the final night I preached to the auditorium that was filled and surrounded outside by 586 people. In every service where our BMFP Field Administrators and I preached, people from the church kept bringing down the aisles people that they led to the Lord during the invitations. Men brought men; ladies brought ladies, teens brought teens; and even children brought other children. Over 150 made professions in Christ during our time there. Truly the Christians in the churches there have a burden to reach their own people.

Alice and I were blessed once again by hosting the Twelfth Annual Mission Possible European Retreat in Rothenburg, Germany. This year we had our best attendance ever with missionaries and friends from fourteen countries from across Europe and North America. Every message honored our Saviour and was used to meet needs of the missionaries in their personal and family lives as well as their ministries. The Lord blessed and we even saw one young man accept the Lord as his Saviour during the last night of the Retreat.



I don't know of anything that Alice and I get more enjoyment from in the ministry than seeing what the Lord does at these Retreats each year. The spirit was tremendous and the fellowship sweet. There indeed was a spirit of revival and renewal among the missionaries and others that attended. I really believe the Lord has blessed our motives and is

using these Missionary Retreats to encourage the missionaries in Europe to keep on keeping on.

Thank you for partnering with us so we can continue to tell the world the real Christmas message that "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" Luke 2:11. Truly, the Lord is good, all the time! Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Gene & Alice Burge