Dear Open Door Family,

Well, I was supposed to tell everyone last Sunday morning that Carol and I were traveling to Guadalajara Mexico to visit with Corrie and Bethamy Anderson and Paul and Jann Vander Mey. In all the things that were going on Sunday I did not mention it. So here we are in Guadalajara, staying with Corrie and Bethamy. We will be joining in some of their activities through out the week and I will be speaking a couple of times on Sunday at their church. The trip down went well and the Lord got us through customs easily. We had a great time starting to catch up on all that Corrie and Bethamy are doing here. Please pray for us that we would be an encouragement to them and that we would be able to encourage the other missionaries whom we will be meeting. It is fun to be back in Mexico and to be able to speak Spanish again. Please pray for me that the Lord would speak through His Word and Spirit on Sunday and that He would challenge, encourage, convict as each person needs.

Colossians 1:22 (NIV) But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation...

Have you ever been accused of something you did not do? Something serious, something which would have serious impact on you and your family? If you have ever had that happen you know the relief you feel when the whole thing is resolved and shown to be FALSE. That is the kind of relief we should feel every time we remember that we are condemned sinners with the death penalty hanging over our heads - who have been FULLY Pardoned by the death of Jesus for us. Not only are we forgiven, we are brought into a wonderful and personal relationship with God. It is staggering to think that when I finally see Jesus in person, when I finally stand before God, I will not have to face Him as the judge who is going to pronounce final sentence, but as my Father. I love the fact that through the death of Jesus I am holy and without blemish... I am FREE from ALL accusation. Not because of anything I have done, but because of what Jesus has done for me. What an amazing God we have.

PRAYER: Lord, God thank you for the fact that YOU have forgiven me. Thank You that you see me as holy, and blameless, that I will not have to face accusation. Lord, that is so wonderfully freeing to know You did it all. Thank you for Your incredible love and grace. May I live in the light of that today.