

Bentleys' Update – June '19

Dear friends,

Lucinda and I send you our greetings from New Hampshire. The end of May we held annual meetings with the Pioneers Area Leaders of the America Region who we oversee. The Area Leaders and spouses of South America, Mid Americas, the US Diaspora and the Canada Diaspora Areas, as well as our Regional Church Planting Strategy Consultant and Trainer who works with us, all arrived for several days of reports, study, evaluation of crucial issues, strategy planning and prayer. All flew into Boston from their respective ministry locations, and we held the meetings at a large cottage mid way up the State of New Hampshire.

This past week Lucinda and I were speaking and sharing at meetings with the Area Leader of the US Diaspora Area and all of the Team Leaders of the Pioneers teams in outreach to unreached people groups among refugees, immigrants and international students in the US context. We were a group of 18, and delved into reports, evaluations, examination of strategic issues impacting the teams and the contexts in which they do outreach. Those meetings were held at our Pioneers US Mobilization Base facility in FL.



w/ the Area Leaders

Both in the US context and in Canada, “in country” mission is expanding due to the multiple and increasing opportunities and open doors among many unreached people groups now in our midst from many hard-to-access countries and restrictive outreach environments. Conflicts and restrictive governments in other nations have also caused transitions for long-term workers with overseas experience, language and culture knowledge to engage new opportunities in the northern American continent.

Due to rapid growth of outreaches in the US and Canada, as Regional Leader I need to establish at least two new Areas with respective Area Leaders for the Pioneers Americas Region. Additionally, as of June 1st, the Area Leader of the Canada Diaspora Area has retired. That leaves another vacancy and need for another Area Leader to be appointed. Among the multiple decisions that are on my plate as Regional Leader, the appointment of Area Leaders is one of the very most significant. In Pioneers, this type of decision is made via a consultative process and requires a high degree of communication at multiple levels.

I have already gone through the preliminary stages of investigation, dialogue and evaluations – and initiated conversation with several potential Area Leader candidates. However, the appointment process is still in the TBD stage. Please pray for these important decisions that are on my desk. After God directs and leads to the appointments He has for us, there will ensue a stage of mentoring new leaders. The first months tend to be rather involved, as new leaders learn their roles and establish relationships with the teams and Team Leaders. Lucinda and I solicit your prayers for this. For this stage of Regional Leader responsibilities Lucinda and I will be traveling in the northern hemisphere in these months.

Tomorrow we will be holding an important Quechua Radio Directive Board meeting. I'll be joining via Skype. Please pray for decisions on strategic direction, program production and needed work on the transmitter/antenna site.

In his harvest fields with you,

Paul & Lucinda

¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent?
Romans 10:14-15