

Bentleys' Update – May '21

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith Heb 10:19-22a

Dear Friends,

Lucinda and I are putting the final touches on preparation for meetings with the Area Leaders of the Americas Region we lead in Pioneers. We're grateful the track of Covid in NH, where we'll hold the meetings, has continued in a positive trend and has enabled us to meet in person. Only one Area Leader (from South America) will not be able to attend due to the complexities of Covid and quarantine requirements where he lives in Peru. He'll join us via Zoom.

While things here are tracking to the positive side, the news as well as communication from many co-workers and friends in Bolivia indicates that the country is into a severe third wave of Covid. As if another wave of the coronavirus weren't enough of a challenge, the new government that assumed power a few months back is majoring on spending for self-promoting propaganda and persecution of the opposition, more than on attention to the health crisis. The ICU units of many of the cities are saturated – they lack room to accommodate any more ill people. In the best of circumstances the health care infrastructure of the country is inadequate. At the moment, it is overwhelmed.

We held several meetings of the directive board of the Quechua Radio Mosoj Chaski in the past couple of weeks. The Director, who has been in the role for less than two years, has had to resign, unexpectedly, due to personal family matters. That comes in the midst of the third wave of Covid. As you might imagine, a lot of things suddenly need to be readjusted to ensure the continued operation of the multiple ministries of the radio (program production, on-air broadcasts, bookstore, mobile leadership development program, etc). One board member will temporarily assume the directorship while a search is started for the next Director.

I did receive communication from the two radio personnel involved in the mobile Bible training for leaders (also a ministry of Mosoj Chaski) that they have been able to continue with travels to hold the trainings in the towns of Bolivar and Llallagua. In both places the final modules of the training will be held in these coming months. It's encouraging that, even in the context of the pandemic, they have been able to continue with the training.

We'll keep this brief for now, and send along more news in a couple of weeks.

In His harvest fields with you,

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Prayer Corner

- For meetings with the Area Leaders – that God may guide us in the continuing challenge of leadership. Many of the teams in outreach we lead still face daunting situations due to the third wave of Covid in countries in Latin America. For wisdom in planning. For travel to meet in person with the teams.
- For a Director for Radio Mosoj Chaski
- For our board meetings of Mosoj Chaski – the transition stage, till a new Director is in place and mentored to the role to lead the multiple ministries of Mosoj Chaski, is a stage that will require more constant input from the board