

Bentleys' Update - Aug '22

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Is. 52:7



Dear Friends,

This month started with meetings of all of the teams of the South America Area of Pioneers, one of five Areas we work with as Regional Leader of the Americas. It was the first time in five years that the teams in this Area were able to gather, and the time together was rich beyond measure. The conference was held at a camp facility of the Bible Union, about 3 hours outside Lima, Peru. As you can tell by the coats being worn by most in the picture, the temps were a bit cool (winter in the southern hemisphere). Lucinda and I are grateful to God for the week of sharing from God's Word, worship together, sessions on various topics and reports of God's work in planting his church among many indigenous and tribal groups in 7 countries of the South American continent.

Since returning to Cochabamba over a week ago, I have been down with a likely case of Covid. It played out into an infection of my upper respiratory tract and sinuses, leaving me with totally depleted energy. Our Pioneers teammates here sent a doctor to our apartment the other morning, and I'm now on an antibiotic for the infection. The doctor stopped by again last night to check on me. Lucinda has dodged the bullet thus far, which is great. Someone's gotta do the work. She was at Emmanuel Foundation the day before yesterday, after making sure for an extended period that she is not contagious with anything.

5 days later now - I never did finish writing this update I started, and some days have passed. I'm quite on the mend, but the part about Lucinda dodging the bullet was, unfortunately, premature. As of two days ago, she is under the weather. Please do pray for her recovery. Whatever this virus is, it saps one's energy quite severely. What that means is that meal prep is on me. As anyone who is familiar with my culinary skills knows, that is bad news.

A workshop of the Itinerant Quechua Bible Training, one of the ministries of Quechua Radio Mosoj Chaski, is scheduled to be held next week at the Radio station's office in Cochabamba. Victor Campos and Santiago Mica, the two principal trainers involved in the itinerant training, will be coming from Sucre to teach. Please pray for good attendance for the training, and for safety for the two trainers in their travel to and from Sucre.

Please do continue to pray for Laurita, the young girl of the Emanuel Foundation program who is struggling with leukemia. She continues with chemotherapy in the hospital Monday through Friday, and is at "home" at Emanuel Foundation the rest of the week in isolation because of Covid. She will soon have a two-week break, and then start Phase Two of her treatment.

With love and gratitude to you for your interest,
prayer and partnership,

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