

Bentleys' Update – April '23

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths". Proverbs 3:5-6

Dear Friends,

Lucinda and I arrived back to NH to do the final planning and arrangements for the memorial service for my mom on April 1st. She had passed away in early October, but we postponed the service till April so more family could attend. Indeed, a good number of family arrived to celebrate mom's life with us, and the family reunion was a sweet time to relive many memories and express our gratefulness to God for Mom's godly example of servanthood and for family.

Just a day after seeing family off on their travels home, Lucinda's coworker at the children-at-risk outreach in Cochabamba, Goretty Jora, arrived to spend 12 days with us. She is the director of the ministry and was able to share about the work with some, and rest up a bit from the 24/7 work often needed by the outreach in Bolivia. Our son, James, had Goretty share at their local church, and translated for her presentations and speaking there. Goretty departed two days ago for a week of meeting with supporters and potential donors in Canada. She will return directly to Bolivia from Toronto via Miami.



On May 2nd I (Paul) will travel to Medellin, Colombia for 2 series of meetings held back-to-back. First, the directors of all the Pioneers Mobilization Offices and Mobilization Partners throughout Latin America will meet for reports and strategy planning. As Jesus' church has grown exponentially in Latin America, God's missionary force from Latin America to the global harvest fields has also grown tremendously. We are grateful for the tireless efforts of these mobilizers and trainers. They do incredible work with oftentimes limited financial resources, mobilizing God's church, establishing and running cross-cultural training, maintaining the logistics of sending and supporting and going member care.

The second series of meetings is of the Pioneers "East/West Antioch Table". The Regional Leaders of the 3 Regions of Southeast Asia and Oceania, and the 1 Regional Leader of the Americas (myself) along with some of the Area Leaders of countries in that geographical expanse will meet with the International Director and one of the Associate International Directors for reports, evaluating our ministries, examining core components of outreach in this rapidly changing global context, and then strategy planning.

While I'm in Colombia, Lucinda will spend some time with her parents at their retirement village in FL, and then also travel to a reunion of classmates from the high school she boarded at in Zaire (now known as the Democratic Republic of the Congo).

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Praises:

- The grown daughter of the church planting trainer that works with us in the Americas Region was diagnosed with sudden onset of leukemia at the 7-month mark of her pregnancy. One week after her first round of chemo, the baby came prematurely – and was born totally healthy and not in need of any special care. A couple of weeks later, the subsequent bone biopsy of the mom came out 100% clear. An incredible answer to prayer.
- The middle of this month Radio Mosoj Chaski celebrated its 24th anniversary of sharing God's Good News with the Quechua people of Bolivia. God continues to provide but do pray for continued donations to enable this strategic outreach to continue.

Pray:

- For Laurita, the young girl of the children-at-risk ministry in Cochabamba who continues to undergo chemotherapy for leukemia. Her system is low, and the treatments are hard.
- For our grandson, Jadon, who suffered a concussion during his family's two months in Bolivia with us. He is still experiencing some symptoms from the concussion.

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

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