

Bentleys' Update – June '25

Dear Friends,

Lucinda and I want to thank you for your prayers for our recent meetings. Our annual planning meetings with the five Area Leaders of the Americas Region (Canada to South America) went well. We managed to accomplish more than I had planned for those days. Among the number of matters we needed to attend to in review of the year's work, we made progress on the plan to divide the Americas Region in two to better embrace the growth of the teams in outreach and the increasing opportunities for ministry among the diaspora and immigrant populations in the US and Canada.

I returned in the wee hours this morning from another set of meetings held in FL with the Associate International Director of Pioneers and leaders of the Pioneers US Mobilization Base, as well as others of the Member Development, Finance and HR Departments of the US Base. We are working on systems and procedures to better facilitate outreach in the US Diaspora Areas and support the Area Leaders in Pioneers in this "in-country" context. Again, I was encouraged by the progress we made, so thank you for your prayer in all of this.

Please pray for Bolivia and, in particular, the city of Cochabamba these days. I've been communicating with the local technician of the Quechua radio station (Mosoj Chaski) and the radio engineer from the US who helps us. The engineer is planning a trip later this month to work with the local technician on the transmitter and equipment, but.... The "but" is that the roads to the city of Cochabamba are all blockaded due to social/political chaos. One political faction, of a previous president, is violently trying to force matters by cutting off the city to food from the countryside and economic activity (in the midst of an adverse economic situation – extreme fuel shortages, constant high devaluation of the local currency, etc.). The situation is volatile, chaotic and potentially more violent. The local technician and other leaders at the radio station aren't sure the engineer should (will be able to) go to Cochabamba unless something changes.

Thank you for your prayers. In His service with you,

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Area Leader Gathering- meal time