

Bentleys' Update – May/June '26

Dear Friends,

Lucinda and I had meetings with the Pioneers North America Regional leadership team last week in Georgia. The new Regional Leader was unable to attend at the last minute. He'd been meeting with teams of the US Diaspora West Area in California and came down with a bad flu. The night before, he cancelled his flight – and saved the other four of us in the meeting from exposure ☺ No complaints from us. We moved ahead with the meetings to refine the process for onboarding new people into the North America Diaspora teams who transfer in from Pioneers teams around the globe. And we “Zoomed” in the RL for summaries and subsequent input.

We're home in NC for another week. Son Donnie and his family arrive tomorrow from Maine for a three day visit. It'll be great to catch up with them before they head off for a home schoolers' convention in TN and then on to MO to visit Jodi's family before heading back to Maine. That weekend Lucinda and I will be speaking on missions at a local church in NC and then taking off at noon that same Sunday for meetings in FL. Along with several leaders of the North America Region we'll be meeting with leaders of the Pioneers US Mobilization Base in Orlando. We have 11 missionary couples/families in process at the moment to join teams in the US Region field in outreach to diaspora unreached people groups. A focus of Lucinda and myself over these months is to help orient, mentor and plan in the transition stage of all new people joining outreach in the North America Region's diaspora work.

If you've recently seen the news on Bolivia (yes, Bolivia has made the international news), there is a concerted effort of some minority factions in the country that want to oust the newly elected president. Many are



appropriately referring to this as an attempted “coup”. Those minority factions have been blockading roads for 30 days, leading to hundreds of millions of dollars of economic losses per day in a country that can ill afford such losses. The result has been extreme shortages of basic goods (food, fuel, medicines, critical supplies for hospitals, etc) in the cities, mainly in the capital city of La Paz but not just there. There doesn't seem to be any solution in sight, as the demands are not within reason nor beneficial for the country.

Irineo, the technician that helps at Radio Mosoj Chaski, contacted me again earlier this week. The on-air studio's computer has failed, but his call had even more to do with the sound technician/program editor at the Radio's recording studios. His name is Samuel. The news was that he was hospitalized for pneumonia and was not recovering. He's quite sick and is unable to work. Please pray for him. He's crucial to the operation of the radio station recording, editing and broadcasts.

On the good side of the news, the folk from Sonset Radios, who had donated 960 solar panel, fixed frequency radio receivers last year for distribution in rural areas of the Andes for more people to tune in to Radio Mosoj Chaski, sent an email to me this morning offering a second donation of another 960 radios. What a gift! They will be a great boon for more Quechua people to be able to tune in to listen to the Good News in their language.

Prayer Corner:

- For Samuel
- For the 11 families in process to join teams in outreach to diaspora unreached people groups
- For the meetings with Mobilization Base leaders in Orlando
- For the people in Bolivia so severely affected by the social conflict

In His service with you,

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