

# WORLD REACH®



## Prayer Request for Upcoming Events:

### October 14-26

Coaching churches, Spiritual Foundations conference, Barranquilla, Colombia

### November 10-19

Church Revitalization Bible Institute Class, Medellin, Colombia

### November 20-27

Bobby and Lolly teaching Marriage & Family, Jose Galvas, Peru

### January 8-19

Homiletics Bible Institute, Medellin, Colombia

### February 16-18

Revival Prayer Conference, Monteria, Colombia

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Revelation 2:2-5

<sup>2</sup>I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false; <sup>3</sup>and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary.

<sup>4</sup>But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore **remember** from where you have fallen, and **repent** and **do the deeds you did** at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent.

## **“Our prayers are answered for our church!” “This conference will save our churches” comments from the Embers to a Flame Conference in San Pedro de Uraba, Colombia**

Sometimes you see God work in ways you do not expect. Some hear the Word of God and have a cold reaction. After one conference recently, I heard some pastors say, “We will not repent.” It breaks my heart to see some people, especially leaders in the Church, resist the Holy Spirit. But in this church revitalization conference on July 28-30, I did not hear that. Rather, I heard cries of repentance, genuine prayers for God to make their 86 churches all that He desires. Some of these churches were young and some almost 50 years old. None are focused on the real mission of the church. Although they have planted many churches, they focus on doing events, not on disciple making. Some of the churches have events every day of week, even twice daily. They must make some hard decisions asking why they do what they do. Our days of teaching were long 7am - 9:15 pm but they persevered the hours and the heat.

I had invited three Colombians, who have a desire to be trained to coach their denomination, to assist me in teaching. They did an outstanding job teaching and sharing what God has done in their churches, in the area of revitalization, since we began working together. They were truly an asset and are becoming a team that God can use to multiply my efforts.

Lord willing, I will check their progress in February 2018 and they will participate in a conference on Revival Prayer led by Al Baker.

Please pray the churches will begin the work of application of the revitalization process so God can do a work in their churches.



### Marriage and Family Class prior to Graduation in Bogota

Lolly and I taught Marriage and Family to our students and many spouses for 10 days prior to graduation.

It is always encouraging to see the word of God convict, correct, and transform men and women. Several were very transparent with their struggles with anger, with attitudes, and with addictions. We taught through the Scriptures and did a Bible study on the movie *War Room* after viewing the film. The study and movie complimented the theme of marriage in a powerful way.

#### *2 Timothy 2:2*

*<sup>2</sup>The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*

Nineteen students graduated. This was a 2Timothy 2:2 moment. Over 3 years, ten teachers had taught 21 subjects to this group. This was a culmination of three years of hard work by the students. The students met on holidays, nights, and weekends for ten days for each class. They are hungry to know God. This was a kingdom investment that will bear fruit in the six churches represented and the lives of these men and women. Please pray for the students to continue to grow in the Word and be influencers for Christ in their respective church.

#### *Looking forward:*

I have 3 more trips this year to complete: Barranquilla, Colombia, Medellin Colombia and Lima, Peru.

Plans are being made for a May 2018 conference to equip and train our Bible Institute team of coordinators in spiritual coaching skills and church revitalization tools to further the impact upon our Bible Institute students and their respective churches.

We thank God for your partnership. I wish I could sit down face to face and share the stories and opportunities that are before us. We thank you for your prayers for our family and our ministry. We thank God for your financial support. With out your support and prayers we would not be able to do what God has called us to do for the kingdom.

For Christ,

The Wilsons

P.S. Please pray for the wedding of our daughter Ruth and her fiancé, Cody Garrard, on November 4, 2017 in Zachary La.