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Prayer Request for Upcoming Events:

March 29 - April 8

Three Preliminary Bible Institute Classes

Siguatepeque, Honduras

May 29-June 3

How to Study the Bible

1st Pres Medellin, Colombia

June 3-6

Church Revitalization Followup & Lolly teaching Ladies Conference.

Bello, Colombia

June 7-9

How to Study the Bible

Centro Agape Church

Medellin, Colombia

June 10-15

Training Church Coaches, Valencia, Colombia

June 16

Church Revitalization Followup. Alqueria Bible Church Bogota, Colombia

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Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you running the race well. We should make every moment count for Christ. I thank God for the opportunities to serve our Lord. In February, I finished a three month class teaching Sunday school in our home church about our personal responsibility as a church member. Jan 31-Feb 12, Lolly and I worked with our class in Bogota as they presented messages from Philippians in our Homiletics class. Lolly also took the ladies through the study *Lies Women Believe*. Hearts were changed. Our students are to disciple someone we call their Timothy. After the homiletics class I spent two nights working with the Timothy group on how to study the Bible and discussing walking with Christ. It was so encouraging for me to see their hunger to grow in the Lord.

March 9, we worked with a Bible Institute student's church in Bogota. It was a time to encourage a discouraged pastor and try to motivate the congregation to take advantage of opportunities to serve our Lord. March 10, I began a marriage and family conference at a recent church plant started by one of the students. This church is growing mostly by conversions and is populated largely by families! They responded with so much enthusiasm. Whenever I teach on marriage the audience's faces show mixed reactions; joy, guilt, pain and sometimes a bit of confusion are visible because many different circumstances are present. People are living together and not yet married, single, widowed, unhappily married, and happily married, all are present. The church is in a lower income zone with a lot of gang activity. One young family was grieving over their 14year-old daughter making bad choices with a young man in the neighborhood. A couple that had been together many years is working toward the process of legally marrying. They said they want to do things right now. Another man, Wilson, was so thankful and eager to learn more. The church wants to hear more at a future date. I was also able to meet with the leadership about the church, and they need to work on defining their values, mission, and vision. I am concerned that a strong personality will come in the church and disrupt what God has done. This is all too common. Shallow Christians are easily swayed to follow these church disrupters. I left them some books to start a small church library to combat false teaching.

Iglesia Cristiana Biblica is a special story. Cristian Fuentes graduated from the World Reach Bible Institute in 2015. I was able to encourage him after graduation to follow his passion to start a church south of Bogota. People often complain that Bogota is a difficult area for ministry. Yes, it may be a hard area, but God has already accomplished many of their initial goals by transforming many families in the last two and a half years. I hope this church inspires others to follow their example. I would like to see Pastor Fuentes one day lead a team of church planters. He has the heart and passion to make a difference in Colombia.

This most recent trip was a huge blessing. The churches needed and appreciated the time, attention and assistance. I am reminded that Paul returned to churches to strengthen them. I fully expect there is another Timothy or Titus among them.

I cannot tell you how grateful I am for your support and prayers. God protects, provides and puts us in the right place at the right time. There is still a lot of work to be done, and I am working to improve our Bible Institutes and pilot some new formats of training. Your support is impacting Honduras, Colombia, Peru, and Argentina with the Bible Institutes.

We have needs for funds for support and travel. We trust God to supply. Praise the Lord, He has never been late during our twenty five years of service. If you would like to support our ministry, you can make a donation to:

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Please include a note that it is for our ministry.

The photo is of Pastor Fuentes (in the white striped shirt) and family. >

