

WORLD REACH®

2 Timothy 2:2

2 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.

A New Arrival:

Caden Paul Wilson our third grandson arrived! 11/6/20



A Micro SD card below the USB drive

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When you reflect on 2020, what words come to mind?

Disruption

Covid 19 disrupted and changed many lives. Our World Reach Bible Institutes in Latin America were brought to a screeching halt due to quarantines. Many bivocational pastors are struggling financially to survive the crisis. Many churches will lose rented space due to the crisis and since most lack any form of digital/online giving. Quarantines were more restrictive in Central and South America. Churches are just beginning to regather with limited numbers in Colombia. No gatherings are allowed yet in Peru. Schools in Peru and Colombia are planning on virtual classes through August 2021. Next, the recent hurricanes Eta & Iota have caused damage to many homes and churches in Honduras and Nicaragua.

Pivot- Rethink

We began developing training on a micro SD card for use with mobile phones to continue the training of rural pastors without internet access. Four courses with six classes each are in the final stages of production. This should fill a void for the next six months or so in the training program. We have added online classes and live zoom classes for students with internet access.

Empowering

The pandemic's most positive part has been the teams in the field coming together to meet the challenges ahead. Positive change and increased team-work and cooperation have occurred. Young team members have done an outstanding job coordinating online training in Colombia. A new missionary couple from Bogota will

officially join the team in January. They have already been a key part of the success in Colombia this year. I will introduce them soon.

Seizing opportunities

I have no doubts that digital formats will be the future. We are adapting and creating better ways to use the tools. I have put together a team to dream, plan, and strategize about our institutes' future. We have a level of international cooperation that is impressive. There is a unity of the Spirit, and God has supplied a team ready for the occasion. One of my Honduran team members stated: "There is a tsunami of change being accepted." This would not have happened without the crisis.

Soon, SD cards and printed workbooks will be distributed in Honduras, Peru, and Colombia. Students will be mentored and evaluated to measure their progress and the effectiveness of the SD cards.

Online pastoral coaching to help churches navigate 2020 has also been a blessing. Weekly calls with pastors are a highlight of my week. It is easy to forget how isolated leaders can feel. We have been able to encourage and learn from each other. Most of the pastors on the call have strengthened their churches, and some are growing through conversions during the pandemic!

I am amazed at how God has enabled me to use my Blackaby coaching certification and church revitalization training to shift to a leadership development role. I am thankful for your partnership. Churches are being strengthened, and training is continuing.

How have you seen God work through you in the pandemic?

Please share your story and prayer request with us. If you are not getting my email updates, then please send me your email address. Since we are using mail chimp, make sure my emails do not end up in spam or promotional boxes.

We thank God for your partnership and prayers. Your investment is training leaders for tomorrow.

For the Gospel,

Bobby and Lolly Wilson