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## WORLD REACH

REACHING THE WORLD WITH THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST THROUGH THE LOCAL CHURCH

As World Reach missionaries...

We provide grace centered Bible teaching for pastors and church leaders so that churches may bless their communities with the Promise of Life in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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## Hamilton and Maria working on power point translation

"The things you've heard me say in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to faithful men, who will also teach others."

## Dear Friends,

When I graduated from seminary (many years ago) my father-in-law asked a friend of his who worked for our denomination's mission agency to advise me about going into ministry. The pastor's name was Don Patterson. Don had been a dear shepherd to my in-laws in Perry, Georgia where they made a deep connection in the Lord.

Don moved on to minister in other churches and was eventually a pastor to missionaries all over the world. I was honored he took time to meet with me and will never forget his words. With a warm smile he said, "Rick, preaching ain't all it's cracked up to be, this right here is ministry." Don wasn't saying preaching and teaching aren't important! He wanted me to see that the most important thing about ministry is connecting with people!

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I love my job with World Reach! It is such a privilege to share resources and training with fellow pastors and church leaders who haven't had the educational opportunities we've had in the United States. But the greatest blessing is to connect with people like Leo, Hamilton and Maria, and to encourage them in their ministries. They are dear friends and such gifted teachers! Join me in thanking God for allowing me to be part of their lives. I'm thankful that **YOU ARE ALSO PART OF THEIR LIVES THROUGH YOUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS TO WORLD REACH!** 

<u>Please continue to lift up these co-workers in the World Reach family</u> <u>before the Lord and ask Him to further His Gospel through them.</u> <u>They are faithful to Jesus and eager to share His good news with</u> <u>others.</u>

Thank you, for helping us in this ministry with World Reach and for praying for our trip to El Salvador. Please also begin to pray for my upcoming trip to India in six weeks.