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Prayer Update - April, 2019



Furlough Update:

The last few months we have been able to spend quite a bit of quality time with family in South Carolina. Briana, Sonia and Caleb have actually lived with us since mid-December and Cesar comes over frequently. Barbara has been able to help her mother make doctor visits and adjust a little more to this new area. Tim hasn't had to travel so he has been able to attend a few school activities. In early May, Cesar and Briana will graduate from Bob Jones University and Caleb graduates from high school. We are thrilled that we will be able to be present for those events.

Tim will be leaving for Quincy, Illinois to report to a supporting church there. After that he will go to Council Bluffs, Iowa and will try to get the remainder of our things we have in storage there and get them down here to South Carolina. He will also be doing pulpit supply on April 14 in a supporting church in Kansas.

By mid-May we will be driving to the mid-west to complete our furlough schedule. We look forward to visiting other supporting churches and sharing missions at Camp Chetek in Wisconsin. After attending the BMM Annual Conference in July, we should return to South Carolina to sell our vehicle and depart to Peru from Atlanta.

We are asking the Lord to use us in the different places we will be during the next few months.

News from the Field:

During our furlough, we have appreciated those covering the bases down in Peru. The Bible School is off to a good start with 26 students. The Arias family is in Kiteni ministering faithfully in the church plant. We are excited to return and help with the church property purchase and the first phase of construction. Praise God He has provided almost all of the \$85,000 we were praying to raise for that purpose! Should the Lord choose to bring more in, we would be able to move forward with Phase 2. We would like to ask for prayer for our co-worker, Joy Akkermann, who is such an asset in the Kiteni ministry. After a brief furlough, Joy had purchased a ticket to return to Peru last week but she encountered an unexpected delay and will not be able to return to the field until at least May. The Arias family was counting on her presence in Kiteni in April, so we pray they will not get discouraged as they adjust activities and schedules.

Special Prayer for the Jungle Ministries:

We feel the jungle ministries are under serious enemy attack. Alex and Flora Herrera, our son-in-law and daughter, minister 16 driving hours from Kiteni in the jungle town of Pilcopata. The church plant is enjoying the building they constructed last year. The group of teens came back from camp in February living more vibrant Christian lives. Their parents are commenting about it to Alex. The enemy is not happy to see the Gospel impacting the community, so we ask special prayer for Alex and Flora, along with Luisa and her family. Luisa's common law husband W was jailed after sexually abusing the two daughters. W had been attending church with his whole family, so this is a real crisis. What makes the situation even worse is that W says Luisa is making everything up. He has also accused our son-in-

law Alex of being the one who put the ideas in the minds of the little girls. He is threatening Luisa as well as Alex. Our daughter Flora is quite concerned since she frequently cares for W and Luisa's children along with our two grandchildren.

Pray also for Bob and Becky Bass, Barbara's brother-in-law and sister. They minister in Salvación, another hour further into the jungle from Pilcopata. They have been helping in the difficult situation between Luisa and W. However, Bob and Becky have been heavily afflicted lately. They both are suffering unresolved medical issues that are impacting their current ministry and their future. They would value your prayers for wisdom.



Young people from Pilcopata that went to camp in Urubamba in February. Seven of them attended children's camp and one young lady went to youth camp.



On the left is our son Fernando and his wife Yulissa (Yuli) along with their son Angelo David Fernando born on March 16th. Our 4th grandchild!

On the right is a picture of Caleb's ankle. He fractured the outer part of the tibia where it attaches to the ankle. They can't put it in a cast just yet as it is too swollen. He does have a splint for it. He is currently on a missions trip in New York City with a group from Bob Jones Academy. He has an appointment with an orthopedic doctor on Monday.

Sharing Succinctly:

- Pray for Tim as he travels to Illinois, Iowa and possibly Kansas over the next couple of weeks.
- Praise God for providing the funds to purchase property in Kiteni and to begin the first phase of the church building.
- Please pray for Briana and Cesar as they wind down their final semester at Bob Jones University and prepare to graduate in May. Pray that God would lead them in the paths that they should take after graduation. Pray for Caleb as well. He will graduate from High School in May and was just accepted at BJU

to begin in the Fall. Pray that he would recover quickly from a broken ankle he suffered last week.

- Praise God for the thousands of miles of safety on the road on this furlough and pray for continued safety as we wind down our furlough before returning to Peru in late July.
- Pray for Alex and Flora and their jungle church as they face the horrific situation between W and Luisa and their young daughters.
- Pray the Lord for the safe arrival of our 4th grandchild. Angelo David Fernando was born on March 16th to our son Fernando and his wife Yuli.
- Pray for Bob and Becky Bass as they face difficult health issues and that God will give them wisdom and strength in the near future.
- Pray for our co-worker Joy Akkermann as her return to Peru has been delayed. Also pray for the Arias family as they as they juggle scheduling and activity changes due to this delay.

We are grateful for your thoughtfulness and prayers. This is a fabulous time of year when we celebrate our Savior's resurrection and the temperate weather spring brings. Might God be honored with our worship.

Onward and upward,

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