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Dear Brethren,

Karen and I thank the Lord for each of you who pray and give for the benefit of the ministry in Bolivia. Our trust is in God and know He uses your prayers.

Lately the heavy rains have hindered our travels to Mosquera. However, through the efforts of several of us we have been able to more or less maintain a presence there and hold occasional services. Missionary Tayler Fultz has become more involved and God has used him to take on more responsibility in this church plant. Pray for us as we travel and minister in Mosquera.

Junior Bible Camp was well attended and staffed this year. The all-volunteer staff made a fantastic effort and, despite all the rain, the camp ministry was blessed of God. I do not have a count but of the 146 campers I know of several salvation decisions and many of dedication. Pray with us that the decisions were sincere and these young ones will continue to mature in the Lord.

Casa Mía is off to a good start this year with 25 children. A few staff adjustments have been made and the ministry is moving smoothly. We expect to pick up 1 or 2 more children in the next few weeks. God's provision for this ministry has been more than sufficient. Pray with us for the salvation of the 5 new children and for Deómides. He is 15 or 16 and shows little interest in the things of the Lord. Deómides has been in Casa Mía for nearly 2 years and has yet to receive Christ as Lord and Savior.

Classes at the Independent Baptist Institute of Discipleship are set to begin Monday, February 24. The Institute is designed for a smaller enrollment to allow us to spend a considerable amount of 1 on 1 time with each student, however, it seems we may have a smaller than usual student body this year with only 4 or 5 fulltime students and a couple of part-timers. Often, we have a few students sign up at the last minute. At any rate, we are looking forward to ministering to and with whomever God sends. Pray with us and the students.

Karen seems to be doing fine. As instructed, she is still using a walker. We were encouraged as her November checkup showed a little new bone growth. Late this month she will have a full checkup to see if there is more bone growth. We desire God's will to be done concerning her femur but are asking Him to let the bone heal. If He chooses to do otherwise Karen will probably need a second surgery. Our lifestyle has been adjusted as we deal with this challenge together. We are convinced that God is allowing this for His glery and purposes. Thank you for your concerned prayer.

Requests:

- We desire to do better about discipling the children. Pray for staffers Brother Nelson Ortuño, Tayler and Caitlin Fultz, Elizabet Mariscal, and Estela Sejas as they work with the children in this area.
- 2. The church plant in Perdido of Mosquera is moving forward. Pray with us that we can find a way to have a more permanent presence in the area. Salvation of Genaro, Verna & Teresa, Beno & Kristina, Modesta and Santos. Reconciliation of Lázaro, Norma, Margarita, and Rita.
- 3. A productive year at the Independent Baptist Institute of Discipleship.

We are ever thankful.

In Christ's Name.

Lance (Bud) & Karen Rader

Attention

1. For those who are interested and for your convenience Baptist Pioneer Mission now has the means for online giving. The company BPM is using is called Subsplash. The link is: https://secure.com/ui/access/NX87WD/. The site is straight forward. You can choose to give one time or on a schedule. The offering can be made either by credit card or with a bank account (the account must be set up). Sorry, but there is a fee associated with the service. The donor can pay the fee themselves or it can be taken out of the offering. The larger the offering the smaller the fee. For some online giving will facilitate life a bit.

NOTE: All offerings given via this site will go to one BPM account so it is of utmost importance that the doner indicate in the "memo" section for whom the offering is intended.

2. In 2018 Bolivia dismantled its postal system so mail could be neither sent nor received. Since then, postal service has been reestablished in a limited way to a few major cities, however, it is not available where we live. For this reason, we send out fewer mailings. We do send near weekly "Rader Updates" and occasional prayer letters via e-mail. The "Updates" are brief notes of Praise & Prayer. Most of you, but not all, receive these. We would like to include all of you on our e-mail "Update" list. We understand that everyone does not have easy e-mail access. Please consider this possibility so that you can receive our near weekly mailings. If you would like to be added to this e-mail list, send a note to https://github.com and you will begin receiving the "Rader Updates".