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The month of April has passed and we are well into May. As many of you well know, I returned to the States in late April and immediately began traveling to visit supporting churches. It was a blessing to visit the good folks in Blachleyville, Fredericksburg, and then Rutland; all in Ohio. This week I head to Florida to visit the church Clearwater. I will be in the States at least till early July as I do some needed paperwork and visit supporting churches. I have three coming Sundays already booked up, but I also have two open dates in the second half of June if you are interested in having me come and speak. Also, I do plan on being back up for the fall, for October through December to speak as well, so if you are not able to schedule a date now check your fall calendar and let's plan for a visit.

One especially important project we are getting our scholarship program organized and back up to speed. Our mailing list had been stolen and used by unscrupulous people for personal gain and as a result we had to rebuild the program from scratch. I was able to get the forms all sent out to those of you who contacted me and informed me of your desire to continue helping Colombian children to study and have hope and a future. However, as we are still getting this organized, it is important that you inform me of any mistakes. If you did not receive your form, or if you received more forms than the number of students you agreed to help, or if you received fewer forms, please, please let me know! This year we hope to have the program fully organized and back into running smoothly and your help is critical for us to reach that goal. We thank you for your generosity and help for these children and are thrilled to get the program back functioning once again.

Along with the travels, there is much yard work and upkeep on the house I have here in the States and so I am working during the week to mow the yard every three or four days and to weed and clean flower beds. There is also some general maintenance to take care of. That keeps me busy during the days between travels to visit supporting churches. Please lift me up in your prayers as I travel extensively during this time.

As you probably noticed, we are getting this month's newsletter out a bit late. That is because my IT and publicity mission partner, Dave Lucas, was having what he thought were some fairly minor health issues, but as they failed to improve and as the medical staff did more tests, they discovered he had some very serious blockage in his arteries. As a result, he had quadruple bypass surgery this past week. Due to his issues with leukemia, this was a very serious surgery with significant risk. I informed both the Colombian church, who remember him fondly from his recent visit in March of this year and then you all as well via my Facebook page. Many prayers were lifted up both here in the States and in Colombia as well. We thank the Lord he came through the surgery fine and is now in recovery (but still chomping at the bit to be serving the Lord, and so felt he was able and wanted to get this newsletter out.) Please be in prayer for a full and rapid recovery and that the Lord heals him of his leukemia. He has been a tremendous blessing to the work in Colombia, and we appreciate him very much.



On another note, my wife decided to stay in Colombia on this trip up as she has a teaching contract with the schools in Villavicencio and there was much work to do at the camp. We are currently building a sound room addition on to the chapel as packing up sound equipment after each event was not only time consuming but tending to damage equipment as well. This small room will cost about \$3,500 to \$4,000 dollars. While it is a fairly small project it is a very important one. If you can partner with us and help with the cost of this construction that will be a tremendous blessing to the work in Colombia.

Once again, I thank all of you who have faithfully partnered with us in this incredible ministry the Lord is doing in Colombia through your prayers and financial support. It has literally been the "journey of a lifetime" as we have been serving in Colombia form more than fifty years now. One of the special blessings is always the dear friendships formed with those of you who have joined us in this ministry. We thank God daily for all of you as without your partnership this ministry never would have been possible. Your generosity has made the work possible, and you are every bit as much of a missionary in that manner as those of us who do the ministry in physical presence. May God richly bless you for your support of this work!



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