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Dear Prayer Partners, and family: I sure hope none of you have fallen out of your chairs upon seeing a timely monthly news letter from us. It just seemed like a real good time to write you and ask for some prayer warriors for the up and coming days.

Sheila has recovered from the infection she had last month and is doing much better. We had a chance to go to La Paz, Bolivia for some Medical Physicals for the both of us. It was a blessing to be able to see an American doctor. Dr. Kevin is retired but has a ministry to the poor and needy in La Paz, the income from his clinic goes to the treating of those who are in need. For us it was nice to be able to get a good old fashion complete check up. For Sheila the news was not as bad as it was for me, she has some disk degeneration going on in the lower spine. For me the results were a little more on the bad side, especially when the MRI of the spine showed 6 bulging disks in the lower back and the advanced degenerative disease. But I am so thankful that the Good Lord has kept me upright and I still have the ability to walk and get through the day. However, sports have not been an option for some time. I used to enjoy walking long distances to keep down the weight, but this year the long walks have gotten shorter, and so now for weight loss and to lower the cholesterol I will have to control my diet.

Last month we talked of starting a Kids Club in San Lorenzo. Well this Saturday we will officially start the Club, we hope to have the Club twice a month. Today we went to the Elementary school and visited with the director and asked permission to invite the kids. After we explained our goals and reason for the club he said, yes. To be honest we did not need to ask permission, but asking accomplishes three things, we get to know the director, (as they change every year), we got his blessing, and we got exposure with the kids. We were able to pass out 250 invitations. But I must share the blessings I received, while handing out invitations some of the little ones who regularly attend our church service came up and warmly greeted me as their pastor, and one little girl of 8 wrapped her arms around me and with joy declared she was glad to see me. Moments like that make being in the ministry a joy, especially after the difficult times.

This last month we have had 9 people finish their discipleships. This was an encouragement to us, and 8 of them will continue on, with Yuli and Sergio starting a pre matrimony study on Aug 26. Also this month we were called to home of Daysi and Aldo as their teenage son has been going through a very difficult time. David had once before confessed Christ when he was a child about 6 years ago, but last week he rededicated himself to the Lord. We have yet to see him in church but his parents say he is participating in the family devotions. Daysi also has been sharing Christ in her classroom and has her entire class reading the Good Seed daily devotional book.

In April of 2017 we are planning for a 5-month furlough to visit our Lower 48 states supporters. I will be contacting you in the future, to schedule a time when we can visit. I wish to be a good steward of God's time, and resources. First we will travel to Haiti with Sharon and Nathan to meet their birth family, and then we will start our regular furlough visiting you all from Michigan to Texas and to Washington State.

Prayer Requests: Please pray for the salvation of Henry and Dionilda; Laborers in the Harvest; Sheila's and my health; the Kids Club and David to stand firm in the faith; Saida for her health; That Alba would return to the church as well as other young people that have made professions of faith in the past. **Praises:** Spring is upon us, and for the privilege to serve our Lord

For His Glory, Matt. 5:16

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