



PRAAYER LETTER

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"Jehová guardará tu salida y tu entrada desde ahora y para siempre."

Psalms 121: 8

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These past few months have been full of travel, meetings, challenges, and many clear reminders of God's care for us. As I look back, I can see His faithfulness in every journey, every country we visited, and every unexpected situation. Through it all, the Lord has continued to sustain us and remind us that His work continues, even when the circumstances around us feel uncertain.

One of the most significant moments this quarter happened during my trip to Venezuela. I was there for a discipleship training event with our network partners when we experienced firsthand the earthquake that struck the country. It was a frightening experience, especially as we thought about our families, the people around us, and what might happen next. Yet even in the uncertainty, we saw God's hand protecting and sustaining us. Once again, we were reminded that we are in God's hands and that our true security comes from trusting in Him.

I also had the opportunity to travel to Brazil and El Salvador to support annual celebration events and training opportunities, as well as to continue strengthening relationships with churches and leaders who are committed to discipling the next generation. Each of these visits reinforced something we continue to see throughout Latin America: pastors, leaders, and churches are intentionally choosing to place children and youth at the heart of their discipleship mission.

These trips also meant spending quite a bit of time away from home. And while serving the Lord in this way is a privilege, coming home to the love of my family continues to be one of God's greatest gifts to me. Thankfully, everyone is doing well. Marcela recently turned 11 and continues to grow in the creativity and joy that are such an important part of her personality. Josue is continuing to develop his taekwondo skills, learning the value of discipline and perseverance along the way. And Esteban has officially entered his teenage years and is growing in his passion for music and guitar. As parents, we continue to pray for wisdom, patience, and sensitivity as we walk alongside them through each stage of their growth and faith and seek to model an authentic faith for them.



After such a busy quarter, I am even more aware that ministry can never be separated from our dependence on God. We can travel, make plans, connect people, and develop strategies, but ultimately, it is the Lord who opens doors, protects us, transforms lives, and grows His work. That is why I am so deeply grateful that you walk alongside us in prayer.

PRAYER REQUESTS



- Our family: Pray that God will continue to protect us, strengthen our marriage, and give us the wisdom we need to walk alongside our children through each stage of their growth and faith.
- Venezuela and Colombia: Pray for the families affected by the recent earthquakes, that they would find comfort, provision, and hope, and that the Church would continue to be an active presence of love and discipleship in the midst of their needs.
- Upcoming travel and ministry responsibilities: Pray for wisdom, protection, and strength, and that every door God opens would be used wisely to advance His Kingdom.

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