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## **Course Edition**

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New Birth
Announcement, and
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As I write this next prayer letter, my first thought is for me to pray. Yes, pray as one in need of wisdom and one fully blessed with everything. It takes quite a bit of restraint not to write every detail. I've named this the Course Edition because of a study I had on Gen. 24:27. As events keep developing I have the desire to tell you everything; Then, within a few days, another event has occurred even more notable; until I have a difficulty selecting which to put in the letter.

At the writing of the previous prayer letter (May), we had helped open the doors of an urban ministry in Jesús Maria. The services are rich with music that glorifies God, messages that resound with doctrinal exposition, and believers gather eager to serve. We see God at work changing lives, unity in prayer and purpose, and a vision to fulfill missions church planting (right from a church plant that is less than 3 months old!) Praise God that the work before us is so great that we need more prayer.

During a two week school break, La Molina Christian Schools showed us their appreciation by providing airfare for us to briefly return to Colorado in order for us to be with family at the birth of our 7th grandchild. This was special because it is the first grandchild I have been able to do this with.

Our introductory ministry in La Molina Christian Schools continues. It was exciting to see fruit of the ministry while we were visiting my daughter's church in July. A former student which attended LMCS in 2001 is now on deputation in the United States to go to China. One of my LMCS grads, Gerson Petit, who joined us last year in SC for a mission conference is now enrolled at BJU to begin next month. Our role as instructors and counselors has opened another opportunity in the village of Antioquia less than 2 hours from our apartment. The director of LMCS granted permission for one or two students to travel with me and minister to this district every Wednesday to hold Bible studies and counsel students in the village school.

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August 10th was an especially fruitful trip as Sonja bowed her heart to receive Christ as her Savior. I believe that with her salvation, others in the village are to follow (Acts 16: 14). She mentioned yesterday that her husband has seen a difference in her life. Pray that we can speak with him next week.

I have been able to borrow Tim Chapman's van to make several trips to Antioquia. The problem with taking the bus is that it does not keep a reliable schedule. If I take students, the parents want to know who is driving and when they will be back. The road to Antioquia is treacherous. We have to ford the river 4 times and several miles are on single lane, steep mountainside roads. Pray for the Yanavilca family in Antioquia. [Willy and Juliana, children: Belinda, Yelsi, Sarai and Rubi] Several weeks ago I met the fifth daughter, Milagros. She died Tuesday night. She was 12 years old. We visited the family yesterday and asked the father if we could help them. He said, "Alimentos." Those are the basic elements of life. I am not sure what condition she had, but the day I visited in their home I gave some cookies out. She was not allowed to have any solid food even though she was reaching out for the cookie, (perhaps they were precautions because they found her choking on other foods). I honestly believe she starved to death. Rose Marie and our students went to a tienda to buy food for the family. Since they do not have refrigeration, every meal needs to be bought daily. Milagros turned worse on Monday. The father was not able to travel to take her to the hospital in Lima. When I saw Willy on Wednesday, he was waiting on a corner of the plaza for his wife and the Mayor to return with the body for burial. Now is a sensitive time to give them the Hope of eternal life. Juliana is mute and deaf, we pray that someday she can understand the Gospel.

We will be returning to the USA for the annual summer break. As always, the policy of La Molina Christian Schools is to cover airfare, but the expenses of travel and accommodations in the States will be greater. We need to present our vision and needs to new churches and give our first term report to churches in Tennessee, North and South Carolina, and Florida. We realize it is a busy time of year, but it is the reason we return for only two months. It has to be synchronized with the academic year in South America. We look forward to seeing you and personally bringing you up to date with more details. Thank you for the prayer support that I believe touches God's heart. Your continued financial support is so helpful and appreciated!

