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Dear Pastors, Friends, & Family,

Friend Day

I hope everyone's year has gotten off to a good start. Ours has been like a roller coaster. The year started off great, as we were averaging between 35 and 40 people every Sunday and enjoying our new building. Then Satan started to attack. We lost fourteen of our regular attenders for various reasons, and Christy and I have been being attacked from all sides. At the culmination of everything, we actually had to ask a family to leave because they were trying to spread a false teaching in our church. Obviously, this was difficult. We have no complaints or discouragement. I simply tell you all that to say thank you for always praying for us! You never know exactly what is going on in the lives of your missionaries, but we know that many people are praying for us. So, thank you!



All that being said, we understand that Satan attacks hardest when God is doing something great or about to do something great. Through it all, we still had visitors coming, we took on two more missionaries, and I got to lead Matías to the Lord a few weeks ago when I went to visit them in their home. Also, we knew we had our big Friend Day coming up, which was yesterday (Feb 26).



Friend Day is our biggest outreach service. We invite a lot of people, eat together, and have a few prizes. Our son, Sam, won the prize for having the most visitors; half of his basketball team came. We ended up having 19 visitors and a new high attendance of 47, including people from nine different nationalities. I preached about the grace of God, and at the end three people made professions of faith. One of the ones that got saved was one of Sam's teammates who comes from a Muslim family. It was a wonderful day! God is good!

On another note, I know it does not matter to anyone else but Nick and Sam got to play their first basketball game together. Christy and I really enjoyed getting to watch them play together. They are really starting to grow up, and we are proud of them. They take turns playing the piano for our services, Nick plays the guitar, Sam teaches Sunday school, Nick translated for one our services recently, and Nick will be preaching next Wednesday. They are also doing really well with Spanish. Maybe I can take a little credit for the basketball, but the rest of it is due to Christy teaching them and pushing them to be the best they can in everything. I am very thankful for my family!

Thank you for your prayers and support,
Markie Bullock