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FW: Tim & Barbara Whatley Prayer Letter

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With Baptist Mid-Missions

Prayer Update - July, 2019



FURLOUGH SUMMARY:

God has rewarded us unexpectedly with an exceptional Furlough year! We have based out of South Carolina and have been able to spend quality time with our children and still visit all but one of our supporting churches. We are grateful for your participation throughout our thirty years of missionary service in Peru. You have been instrumental in getting the gospel to isolated villages, training Christian workers in the Bible school, and starting churches that are now sending out their own missionaries to needy areas. Your prayers, encouragement and giving have been used by God to help us overcome spiritual warfare, battle health issues, and build churches and schools. We have enjoyed sharing with you during this furlough.

We had a wonderful time serving God at Camp Chetek in Wisconsin, as well as in several midwest churches during the last two months. We are honored by one final speaking engagement that God has scheduled for us on July 28, the day before we Greenville. That day is already very special to us since the congregation of Morningside Baptist Church will be voting on whether to accept Sonia and Caleb into the membership. But we hadn't expected such an exceptional opportunity with the ESL Sunday School class we have been serving

in when we are in Greenville. Several unbelievers come to this class because they are individually tutored in English. Last Sunday three of our students asked us why we would leave the USA to go to a bad place (Peru) to a bad house (they have seen the pictures of our projected Kiteni property). These are 3 of our unsaved Chinese students. It is clear to us that God is desiring to open their spiritual eyes as we share the answers to their questions this coming Sunday. Might God use our testimonies, the plan of salvation, Sue Bailey, and the other language tutors to bring the light of salvation to these precious adult students. Might He use each of us as we walk this pilgrim journey, endeavoring to point others in the right direction.

This will be the first time we return to Peru as empty nesters. It is a strange sensation that God is helping us to work through. We are grateful that the Lord prevented human injury in recent accidents that Caleb and Sonia have suffered during the last month. They are both working in Greenville this summer in preparation for BJU classes this fall. Caleb will be a freshman in Christian Ministries, while Sonia will be a senior in business administration. We pray they would continue to seek God's guidance and protection. In August Briana will fly from Camp Chetek in Wisconsin, where she is program coordinator, to Macedonian Christian School in McAllen, Texas where she will be teaching the 7th and 8th grades. She has received commitments that cover her travel and about \$350.00 a month. Please continue to help us in prayer as she actually needs double that amount. By the same token, Briana is convinced this is a step of faith our Lord is asking of her as she goes to minister in a mission school located in the most impoverished county in the USA. We are rejoicing that Fredy and Cesar share an apartment and work together in Atlanta. Our prayer is that they would find a good church home where they can worship and serve the Lord!

HEALTH UPDATE:

God has been merciful in granting some medical answers to our co-worker Joy Akkermann, who is now scheduled to return to Kiteni at the end of this month. We have also discovered some measures that help diminish Tim's migraines and improve his overall health. We

know our Master and Commander will enable us to accomplish His will as we return to ministry in the thriving jungle town of Kiteni.



Fellow Kiteni church planting team member **Joy Akkermann**

KITENI UPDATE:

Pastor Rolando Arias spoke to the owner of the two-story house (lot #2 in our June update) that adjoins the church's target property (lot #1 in our June update). The owner is anxious to sell that building to us in August for S/110,000 soles, the equivalent of about \$34,000 dollars. Through the generosity of many of you, God has already made provision for the purchase of both properties, as well as a good part of the funds for phase I of our projected construction. We are excitedly asking for wisdom and guidance as we endeavor to use even the negotiations as an avenue to impact lives for eternity.

UPDATE ON OUR RETURN TO PERU:

We leave Greenville, SC for Atlanta on Monday, July 29th. We will be staying with friends of ours in Atlanta and will spend the evening with Fredy and Cesar. On July 30th, our friends will drive us to the Atlanta Airport where our flight from Atlanta to Ft. Lauderdale. Our flight from Ft. Lauderdale to Peru is scheduled to arrive in Lima at 10:00 PM. God has provided transportation from the Airport to Tim's sister's house. We hope to have our pickup ready to leave Lima on August 3rd for the 22+ hour trip to Arin. After a few days in Arin to unpack, coordinate a few things, buy supplies, etc., we hope to drive 8-9 hours to Pilcopata to visit Flora and Alex for a few days. They have had a difficult time in the ministry during our absence and we hope to have time to talk, pray together and be an encouragement to them. After that, the 8-9 hour return trip to Arin where we will load up the truck with the things we will need as we move to Kiteni, another 8-hour trip. Please pray that the Lord would give us safety as we travel and that He would provide housing in Kiteni while we negotiate the property purchases.

Again, thank you for being a part of what God is doing in Peru. Please pray we would have a fruitful 8th term of service to the people God has called us to minister to.

Onward and Upward

Tim & Barbara Whatley

PRAISE AND PRAYER:

- Praise the Lord for Kiteni funds! We are praying for the Lord's provision of the remaining funds we need for the building project. We are also asking the Lord for safety and protection as we transport those funds into the jungle.
- We are thankful for the funding required to get Briana to her next place of ministry in McAllen, TX, even as we pray for added provision for her.
- We rejoice in the safe travels we have enjoyed during our furlough. Might the Lord grant His continued protection and keep us alert as we drive the 22 hours from Lima to Arin and then the 8+ hour trips to Pilcopata and Kiteni.

- Please pray for a couple of very important meetings for the Urubamba Seminary (SEBIC) in August. They will be held in the altitude of Urubamba where Tim's migraines have been difficult. We ask God for migraine free days for the meetings and for godly attitudes during the meetings. May God be glorified in all!
- God has recently used evangelistic medical teams from the USA in both Urubamba and Comas (a suburb of Lima). Might missionaries in those areas be able to follow up on decisions and contacts that were made.

Contact Information:

As we return to Peru, please note the following changes: Our US cell phones will no longer be good after July 30th. Tim's cell # in Peru, when calling from the US is 011-51-969-003-668. We will let you know Barb's number once we settle in and get her a cell phone. Tim's WhatsApp # is +51-969-003-668. Any cards or letters should be sent to our Field Address.

They are supposed to be installing a fiber optic cable to Kiteni, so eventually, we hope to have internet there. However, until that happens, we will only be able to send out updates when we go out to Cusco. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding!

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