



Pray BFF Letter #242

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

Be Steadfast, Immovable...

Dear Prayer Partners,

“Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Cor. 15:58).

“This is crazy. The enemy is really trying to mess things up.”

That is from our translator in southern Peru. First, her memory card crashed with 50+ translated pages of the handout booklet. Then, determined and accompanied by a sister, she was all set to work hard to continue the translation work by taking a day off from work but was up all night with fever and vomiting. She says she never gets sick!

These testings are so routine that we wonder why the evil one still acts up before one of our STM (Short Term Missions). In the last few days, we've had our van break down on the road, the oven door stuck shut (with hot dinner inside), the phone had no connection, the fuse blew on the microwave... and just this moment our printer seems to have died. We changed the ink, cleaned heads, etc. all to no avail. The timing is not a coincidence.

April 15-28

Do pray for us. The enemy is trying to distract us from God's work. We leave a week from today- next Tuesday. Flying via Houston and then straight to Lima. This will not only be Kathryn's first mission experience but her first flight too! She has her spanking new passbook and lots of excitement (she is also going for her driving license on Thursday). Praise God that the funds have come in! (Thank you all for your kind gifts!)

Preach the Word!

BFF's goal is to bring the power of God's Word to the people of God to equip them to better serve our great God. We see this happening all around the world. It is so exciting to

see how God's Spirit mightily works in His people. My immediate goal is to get the Spanish translations of the seminars on the web, but we hope that God will create a big thrust and raise up Spanish-speaking people for what could be the last harvest at the end of time.

This past week the main church where we are holding the seminars, has already been studying BFF's marriage series. We arrive late Tuesday (15th); take another flight south on Wednesday morning and begin the first seminar that evening with a question and answer time on the marriage seminar. Do pray. The schedule is packed with 3-4 sessions most days.

So much to do. Getting ready for Peru and then I will speak 3 times this Sunday.

Praise!

- One series is almost fully translated. Just need to do the powerpoint slides and some graphics.
- Even after working hard around the home, up in the apple tree pruning or down redoing the floor, my back is still better. Yes!
- Our van broke down, but God timed it in such a way that we were near a friend's, could borrow their car and still make it to prayer meeting. The nearby garage said it could not be fixed the next morning (Sat.), but it was!
- Very good response to the first session on depression. The second session on overcoming depression is this Sunday.
- Parenting class is going well and session #6 is this Sunday afternoon.

Pray!

- Diana, the translator mentioned above, needs your prayers to help her get along with the translation even when she is not feeling well.
- Kathryn is preparing some simple testimonies, such as one on parenting that she can share. Good health.
- Paul is preaching on Sunday, and teaching twice.
- Great blessing on the 35 (?) times Paul will be speaking in Peru. We return the 28th.
- Paul has to finish a business tax form and doesn't seem to have the time (or desire!) to complete it.
- Allison got accepted at a second New York City graduate school with a possibility of a graduate assistance position. She needs your prayers!
- Benjamin's fiancée had an emergency appendectomy this week.

Thanks so much for your prayers!

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