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Dear Ones,

Greetings, dear friends, on this lovely Summer afternoon. I know many of you have not been having these warm days (maybe too warm, it is 94 out right now!); but how good to know and rejoice in the Lord's presence regardless of our different circumstances.

Much has happened since I last wrote. I so appreciate your prayers. Let me tell you about two of the request for which I had ask you to pray. Do you remember the two ladies that I told you about last time I wrote? One is Teresa the lady in her 80's from San Ramon. She continues to read the Word and attends meeting regularly. She seems to be growing in her understanding she still has not made a clear confession of her faith in Christ as her Savior. Please keep praying.

The other one is Eugenia. Have you ever been in the middle of something and felt like you were just a spectator? That is exactly how it has been ... In January we were able to start up our weekly studies again. Around the middle of Jan when she came in she clearly expressed her understanding of the Gospel and her belief in Christ only for her salvation. Like I said I was there, in the middle of it, but it was clearly the working of the Spirit in her life. Praise the Lord with us and with the angles in heaven; a Trophy of God's Grace! She has a very serious family situation that she has to deal with, a lot of it from bad decisions in the past. But isn't God good to save us where we are and then teach us and guide us to know how to face and deal with each thing. When I told her that many people are praying for her she was amazed, amazed to know that she is not alone; she has a family from all over the world. Pray for God's continued grace in growing her in her faith and trust in Him as she seeks to deal with each area in a way that honors God. Last Wednesday, after we had already started our study, her 15 year old son, Lucas came, clearly to hear the Word! Pray for her husband and 4 kids, Eugenio, her 20 year old son, Lucas 15, Diogo 12 and her daughter Jade, 11.

I had asked for your prayers as well that the Lord would provide help for the children's Bible clubs while Tim and Kari were in the States. It was so good to see God's people, from different churches, volunteering to come out and help, some of them traveling a couple of hours to come and another couple to get back home. How good to see His people desiring to serve.

Tim and Kari have been back now for about a week, just in time for more activities. We have our annual conference of the missionaries in Uruguay and Argentina next week. There will be times of planning; discussion; hearing good messages from the Word; and also sweet times of fellowship with coworkers that we only see once a year. Pray with us for a refreshing time. A week after returning from conference FEBU (the Bible College) will start the 2018 school year. As I mentioned in my last letter Tim and I will be team teaching a class on Pedagogy (Christian Ed). Pray for us as well as the rest of the professors as we prepare for the upcoming school year. All of us are missionaries or pastors with busy schedules but conscience of the responsibly and privilege of helping to teach and train this next generation of God's Servants.

I am planning on teaching English at the grade school but it still needs to be confirmed. It is fun to see how this has helped me to build relationships, especially with the kids, but also getting to know moms and dads. Pray that the Lord will show me His desire as I consider this opportunity.

Aptas para Servir continues to be on my heart. I will be having mentoring for leadership with perhaps 3 ladies this year. This is getting rather long; perhaps next time I can give you more details on that.

As I mentioned in past letters, using an app called "Whatsapp" I have started a daily prayer group where I send out a request daily for prayer. If you have a "smart phone" and would like to receive the requests please send me your cell number and I will invite you to the group. You will have to download the app and let me know when you have done so. It would be great to include you.

Serving together,

Belinda