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Dear Ones,

Greetings from Uruguay. Winter is indeed on the way! We are having colder days and lots of humidity! The Pandemic continues here! The death rate continues to be high. Today I had to write to messages of condolences to two dear believers who each lost their father in recent days. How fragile our lives are. What a privilege to have and be able to share the Word of life. One of these men that passed away, Anibal, came to the Lord as an adult, his children were grown and married. But he lived another 30 or more years rejoicing in the Lord. One of characteristics of his life was that he was a happy man. Of course, even as a believer he had many problems, but when I think of him, I think, Anibal was a happy man! Praise God for the power of the Gospel!

There are still many activities that we cannot have. We have stopped the Children's Bible Clubs for now, meetings are almost all via zoom, I have not been able to teach English at the public school, etc., but it seems to me that I am as busy as ever. Praise the Lord with me for the joy of serving Him proclaiming the same Precious Gospel, but in some very different ways.

The classes at FEBU for the semester are basically finished, the students still have finals, but it is over. I taught Pedagogy (Teachers' Training) all on zoom; the students did their practice teaching on zoom; tests were on zoom. It was not ideal perhaps, but the Lord used it. I am thankful for the 6 students that are finishing up the class with a basic knowledge of the methods of teaching. Pray for them as they put these principles to practice now in their churches and in the future as they serve the Lord.

There are three sessions left in the ladies zoom classes in the series that I am now teaching. This is the fourth series that I have taught since the Pandemic started. What a joy to teach these ladies; to see their joy as they dig into God's Word and seek to apply it to their lives. I give homework every week, which most of them complete, although it is not easy for them. One lady said when some words came up that she did not understand, "Belinda, remember I am just a country girl." She lives in a small town in the interior of Uruguay. There are about 25 to 30 ladies participating from different churches here in Uruguay, plus one from Italy. Pray for their growth and that they will be instruments of God's blessing in their local churches.

Thank you for praying for Luisa. I continue to study weekly with her. She listens and you can see that she is thinking through the implications in her own life. Pray that she will soon make that life changing decision for Christ. I am also studying with Rosana from the town of Tala. My coworker, Kari started the study with her some time ago, but Kari is in the States right now, so I am filling in so to speak. Pray that Rosana too would truly see her need for the Gospel in her own life and would come to know Christ. Nancy and Eugenia continue to grow in the Lord. I know that they would appreciate your prayers for their growth and family situations. I have been visiting Selena at the shop where she works. I have given her a Bible. Pray that a redemptive relationship would grow and that she would soon desire to know more.

In my last prayer letter, I had mentioned Pastor Adrian's need of a new motorcycle. Thank you so much for being a part of what the Lord has done. Many of you prayed and many of you gave! Within a month's time the gifts far exceeded the amount we had aimed for. So much so that Adrian could buy an upgrade to what we were thinking of and still there are funds to help with insurance, plates, and other related needs. Adrian and Virginia had no idea that this was happening. What a joy to see their surprise and thankful hearts when we told them that the finances were available. Thank you for being a part of this through your prayers and giving! Attached is a letter from them as well as some pictures.

On July 19th, Lord willing I leave Uruguay for the States. Plans are to be there until Sept. 30. As I mentioned in my last letter, I will primarily be in Colorado this time. If you are in the Denver area, I would love to see you. If there is some way that I can serve you or your church, please send me an email. I am looking forward to connecting with many of you.

Thank you again for praying and being a part of the Lord's work in Uruguay.

Gratefully serving,

Belinda

