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Dear Praying Friends,

We thank you for your patience with us as we seek to better our communication and keep in touch more frequently at less expense. I know that last month's attempted changeover was confusing because this "old dog" didn't do everything completely correct ("old dog" referring to Bob and not Terri ☺).

**Praise & Prayer:**

1. We rejoice to report in this "extra email update" that Terri's percentage of kidney function improved from 16% to 21%. We just received that call on Friday, Terri's birthday! It seems that the change of medications made a difference but most of all, we thank God for His intervention. Thank you for your prayers on Terri's behalf! We learn more at her next doctor's appointment, February 22.
2. With the above great news, we now both plan on our trip to Peru, leaving on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Terri will be with me for the Peruvian National Pastors and Wives conference and Bob will stay for an extra week to attend the BMM Peruvian Field Conference. Please pray for effective ministry, both in public and personal interaction.
3. Please pray for wisdom in producing theological training materials that are not only true to the Scriptures but that truly communicates with Latin Americans in their context. This trip, along with extensive reading and other interaction with believers from multiple Spanish-speaking countries, has already been very influential as we seek to spread the Gospel by training church leaders!



**Did You Know...**

That theological training is an urgent need in most of Latin America? Though maybe it's heavy, I hope this connects: *"How can we do theology in Latin America? ... With the highest view of the Scriptures and their authority, Chapter 11 argues that too much Christianity has been transported to Latin America in foreign pots and soil.... The Latin American churches have been largely self-supporting, self-governing and self-propagating. Now they must become "self-theologizing", Crisis and Hope in Latin America...An Evangelical Perspective. (Núñez and Taylor).* "Self-theologizing" refers to the responsibility of an indigenous church to read and interpret Scripture within its local culture. We are asking God to use us to guide theological development in a balanced way that emphasizes God's Truth alone as absolute, yet fosters independent development of applications within the culture. We are excited about the opportunity to serve with EBI in developing curriculum and training pastors.

**IMPORTANT COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:** If you did not receive this update via MailChimp, you did not make it on to our new mailing list. To streamline our communication and save time and money, we would like to discontinue our old way of sending updates and at the same time, send more frequent, shorter updates. If you only received this update through standard email, paper copy or via US mail, could you take LESS THAN ONE MINUTE to click and fill out a little information at the following link to MailChimp? <http://eepurl.com/hL8II>

Thank you for your partnership for the Spread of the Gospel!

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