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Latin America

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Dear friend:

I woke up early this morning to a flock of parrots that flew over our house, each one of them squawking excitedly, as if praising the Lord for a new day, and for the feast of mangoes ripening in the trees all around. I also praised the Lord, He has been good to us.

Honduras in turmoil

Last week I took the return flight to Honduras after spending time in the US at missions conferences and a lot of really rich meetings. As we approached Tegucigalpa, the pilot announced that we were going back to Houston. The now common uprisings in the country had reached a new level, and the rabble had taken over the airport. These mass protests take place just about every day now, and in their wake they leave a path of destruction, like locusts in a wheat field. To add more ingredients to the toxic stew, I was detained for two hours on a recent trip to San Pedro. A fellow had been gunned down in his car as he drove down the highway. Must have been 50 bullet holes. This nightmare is becoming our daily bread, the gangs and drug cartels are gaining a choke hold of the country. Please pray for Honduras. And please toss in prayers for Nicaragua, Venezuela, and Cuba, who are worse than we are here, though with the same brand. And it really messes up our work in these countries.

A whirlwind to bring us to the next level

We are preparing to take our work to the next level. I must confess that we probably have taken longer than we should have on entering digital education. For our two strategic summits with our National Directors this year we are preparing a six tiered training package. This includes, among other things, all the necessary social media. We have the blessing that the fellow who will administer our social media is one of our graduates, a highly gifted specialist who works with top international companies. We have plenty to work on till then (and a “few” other things, to boot).

The Latin American team

Our Latin American team met recently in Guatemala to plan our work for the countries we are serving, three guys that are extraordinarily talented, a gift from the Lord. Manuel is head of technology and social media, Carlos is our academic director, he just finished a PhD, a highly gifted leader, and Hector is our planning and organizational director. That’s the team God has given us the privilege to serve with. Please keep us in your prayers!



Thank you for making the INSTE ministry to Latin America possible

We deeply appreciate you and everything you are doing to make this all possible. We do not tire to ask for your prayers, we cannot underestimate God’s power, and what He does through your intercession.

In Jesus’ love