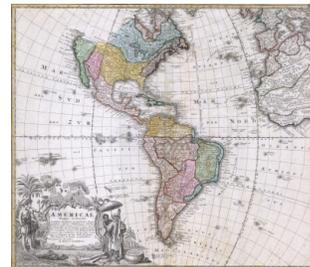


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Latin America

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Dear friend:

We pray for you and trust that you are well in the midst of these extraordinarily difficult times. Latin America has been hit the worst in all of the world right now, it has even reached the Indian tribes in the Amazon. But in the midst of this, we are seeing God's hand, and have great news!

INSTE online

In our last newsletter, we told about the need to launch the INSTE Bible training program on-line. Well, that is now a reality! We have started in Honduras, Argentina, and Ecuador, and are working on the second tier: Costa Rica, Spain, Peru, Guatemala, and Nicaragua. Please pray for us. We still have bunches of work before us, including getting the Portuguese version ready. That's enough work to keep us entertained a bit! We cannot be any more excited, this is a game-changer for the INSTE ministry.

Amazing new developments

I'm rubbing my eyes, this is amazing! What Jesus is doing for us right now is like we have never seen! Up till now, the INSTE program in Brazil had been really slow going, in spite of the fact that there are 60 million Evangelical Christians in that country. It is a vibrant, amazing church. And I must confess that I was frustrated, though I was sure the man directing the program there was the right person. But the Lord's timing is not the same as ours. And it looks like this is His timing for us! A Brazilian who had been intimately connected with INSTE many years ago has become a highly respected leader in that country. He is opening up a group of churches for us that have three million members in all. We have no idea what to expect, but this is looking good!

The 2nd level translation to Portuguese

With Brazil opening up, we need INSTE's 2nd level in Portuguese as soon as possible. To find a good translator for a Bible program is in the miracle category, you can't imagine how difficult that is. And we found one! A Brazilian that is finishing his doctorate in theology and has lived 20 years in Spain. This is probably the greatest hurdle we had before us; at times I thought we weren't going to make it. And with this, there are bunches of new opportunities that are opening up, amazing, Jesus-miracle-opportunities, but those are for another newsletter. Boy, the Lord is good!

Where are we?

We have not been able to return to Honduras in four months, nor are we in a rush to get back. The country is completely closed; people are not allowed out of their houses but twice a month, infections are growing, hospitals are full and are running out of oxygen. So we are grateful that we are not there right now. Please do pray for us! And for all the open doors we have before us!

In Jesus' love

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