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Dear co-laborers in Christ's mission,

We are deeply grateful for your constant prayers, personal interest, and committed support to form a new generation of church and mission leaders throughout Latin America.

Please pray for Latin America! The turmoil, conflict, and deep social and economic problems are as severe now throughout the continent as they have ever been.

The year 2018 was very full and wonderfully blessed for us. Your prayers have accompanied and sustained us throughout!

Last February, Chuck taught a one-week D. Min. course on Biblical Perspectives of God's Mission in Buenos Aires, Argentina. In April, Chuck and Jean were at the Overseas Ministries Study Center in New Haven, CT. Chuck taught "Training Theologically-Grounded Mission Leaders" there.

August found Chuck and Jean in Londrina, Brazil. With Dr. Suzanne McDonald Chuck co-taught a course as part of a D. Min program that Western Seminary is sponsoring in partnership with the Faculty of Theology of UNIFIL, a Christian university in Londrina with around 6000 students.

In September, Chuck and Jean were in Los Angeles, CA. where Chuck taught Biblical Theology of Mission in a Ph.D. program in Missiology in the Korean Presbyterian Seminary there. At the end of September, our children threw a party to celebrate our 70th birthdays. So many family and friends came! We had a wonderful time together. Our photo above is from that time.

Give thanks with us! Please know our deep gratitude for your partnership with us. We are humbled by your love. **Thank you!**

— Love in Jesus, Chuck and Jean



"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." — Phil. 1:3-6 NIV

Thank you for your prayers.

Chuck and Jean are home in Holland during much of December through March. Chuck will finish writing a book on the relationship of biblical studies to mission thought and practice. We will continue to connect via internet with many LADPT students, whether we are at home or traveling.

Dec. 21-27 — Christmas with children and grandchildren in Toledo, Ohio.

Jan. 5-14 — With daughter Amy, husband Mike, Daniel, Clarissa, and Dirk, in Tacoma, WA.

Feb. 19-Mar 5 — With Chuck's sister Bee and husband Ramón in Miami.

Mar. 28-April 6 — With children, spouses, and 8 grandchildren for a week in San Diego: our biannual time together.

Apr. 8 — LACM Board meeting in Pasadena, CA.

Apr. 24-May 4 — Chuck teaches at Overseas Ministries Study Center, New Haven, CT.



PRAISE GOD FOR OUR GRADUATES: AN UPDATE

What a delight it was this past August for us to see **Dr. Valeria Barreto Motta Dos Santos** in Londrina, Brazil!

She and her husband have pastored several Presbyterian churches in Brazil. She began her doctoral studies in the LADPT in 2005 and graduated in 2011. The title of her dissertation was, "Women without Names: An Investigation of the Images Attributed to Wives of Pastors in the Presbyterian Churches of Brazil in Londrina, Brazil."

She is pictured here with a group of LADPT students when they met some years ago, in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

She is often invited to speak for women's conventions and pastors' retreats, as well as preaching in numerous churches throughout Brazil.

She is now the Academic Dean of the Faculty of Theology of UNIFIL and associate professor of pastoral theology and mission. She has served as chaplain of the university as well as administrator for Human Resources.

"What is prayer? Prayer is our direct line with heaven. Prayer is a communication process that allows us to talk to God! (God) wants us to communicate with (God), like a person-to-person phone call....To many people, prayer seems complicated, but it is simply talking to God....Praying is like talking to your best friend! It's easy to talk to someone when you know they love you unconditionally!" — <https://www.allaboutprayer.org>



"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ — to the glory and praise of God."
— Phil. 1:9--11 NIV



Spotlight on Student Needs:
(We highlight a student for your prayers and special gifts.)

MARTIN OCAÑA FLORES is a Peruvian Baptist professor and pastor of a congregation in southern Peru, bordering Chile. He is a recognized scholar and leading theologian in Peru, and a leader in the Latin American Theological

Fraternity. He teaches in several Bible schools and seminaries in Peru. He is researching the concept of the Kingdom of God in the past 40 years of publications of the Latin American Theological Fraternity. He is in the research and dissertation writing phase of the program and needs financial help to cover the cost of completing his program.



Nine of the students pictured with Martin have now graduated from the LADPT, with their Ph.D.'s in Theology. Seven are professors.

PRAISE GOD FOR STUDENT PROGRESS! We now have 17 graduates, 5 on the way to defend, 6 in the dissertation-writing phase, and 28 others actively researching. Our graduates are now part of our faculty and are helping us mentor others.

PRAISE GOD FOR ANOTHER GRADUATE!

Jean and I are praising God because this past October Chuck was blessed to be in Panama City, Panama, and, while there, to participate in a dissertation defense with an LADPT student, pastor **Nestor Moreno!** Nestor is an Assemblies of God pastor. He has had a long career in corporate banking in Panama. He also pastors an Assemblies of God church in the Panama Canal Zone. The church's building is over 100 years old and is considered a Panamanian historical site.

Pastor Nestor was recently invited to be part of the Board of Directors of BIBLICA, a Bible society headquartered in New York City that owns and publishes the NIV. Nestor's doctoral research is about the influence that Neo-Pentecostal, charismatic tendencies have had on classic Pentecostal churches, leaders, and theology in Panama. Upon completing his Ph.D., Nestor plans to establish a multi-denominational Center for Theological Reflection in Panama. What a joy it was for Dr. Tito Paredes, our Dean, along with four of us on the faculty of the LADPT to meet for two hours with Nestor and hear his passion for the Bible, for mission and evangelization, and for doing theology in Panama.



Chuck presented Nestor Moreno his certificate of completing all academic requirements for LADPT.

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This past October, **DR. EDER DE MELO SILVA** wrote us, reporting on what he had been up to since graduating in April, 2018. *"Tomorrow I will be teaching a graduate course in the Theological Seminary of the Renewed Presbyterian Church of Central Brazil in Anápolis. This past June I taught a graduate course in Missiology at the Baptist Convention in Belo Horizonte. At the end of October I will be in Rondonia, Brazil, ministering and teaching pastors and seminarians there. My next book is now with the publishers and will*

come out at the end of October. I am so happy to see the results of my studies having a lasting effect in ministry and blessing many people who carry out diverse ministries throughout Brazil and in other countries."



Photo taken in August, 2017, at Eder's dissertation defense, with Chuck (far left), Dr. Antonio Carlos Barro (2nd from right), and 2 other professors.

"All of us long to connect with someone who can identify with our circumstances and share in our day-to-day life. Prayer is just that - a personal experience and intimate connection with our loving Heavenly Father." —<http://www.allaboutprayer.org>

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