

## Pinto's Praise and Prayer Requests

July, 2016

On May we learned that the Lord took Becki's mother's hand and took her to heaven. She was 84 and all the family including us and our children and some co-workers from Wycliffe, went to Florida to participate with Dad in a memorial ceremony where we gave thanks to God for her life. Phyllis and Ron, Becki's dad, worked under Wycliffe Bible Translators to help the Urarina tribal people in the Peruvian Amazon to translate Genesis and the New Testament into their language. Now Ron is gearing up for the final editing and checking of Exodus.



Elibeth from Colombia arrived to the missionary training not knowing exactly where the Lord will guide her into his service. At the end she said, "Being here helped me to clarify my call to serve the Lord in Ethiopia." Victor from Ecuador is timid but is passionate about obeying the Great Commission, and is now in Mozambique serving in an after school tutoring program that includes evangelism and discipleship among children and young people. Diana, also from Ecuador has more recently arrived in Madagascar. Karla, who is a psychologist is gearing up to serve in India or Pakistan. Please keep these missionaries in your prayers!!!



### CORRIENTES MISSIONARY TRAININGS

The last group of Latin American missionary candidates that participated in Corrientes, was a unique and special group, as always. This group taught us a lot about the grace of God as we saw how He provided just the needed healing and preparation that each of them needed in order to "go out" much better prepared.

Darling who came from Venezuela started her training with us saying, "I have already began working with Muslim people in North Africa so I'm not sure why I need this training, but my pastor sent me here." As planned from the beginning, due to constraints, she graduated a couple of weeks early. At the end she said, "I was totally wrong when I came here, I thought that I 'knew it all' but the Lord taught me that my heart was not healed from my history of abuse which caused me to build up walls of defense that needed to be broken down in order to be able to serve the Lord more effectively in the Muslim world."



### TRAININGS ON MEMBER CARE FOR MISSIONARIES

In June, Carlos and others from the COMIBAM umbrella organization for iberoamerican missionaries, provided a couple of workshops on debriefing and refreshment for Latin missionaries in California and in Tecate, Mexico. The groups were comprised of missionary candidates, a few missionaries on furlough and church leaders that are involved in their mission's departments.

Pictured below is a couple from California who are on their way to the mission field in Spain. What the

husband shared about what he learned from the training was, "I have a good job and a lot of friends who are doing very well financially. I discovered that my trust has been in my social network and not so much in God. This was a painful discovery, but it is a great joy to realize that it is God who promises to be our provider!"



In Tecate and in California, besides times of teaching we provided times for each participant to spend some time alone with God to reflect on both the ups and downs in their history of missions call and involvement, and then to express about this on a big piece of paper using cut outs from magazines and stickers and markers and other arts and crafts. The next day in small groups each one got to share their story in a small group. Afterwards, the participants prayed for each other.



Pray for Flor and Juanis who we met in Tecate and who want to come to Quito to participate in the Corrientes Missionary Training Program in the upcoming September to November 2016 cycle.

### MORE FAMILY NEWS

We thank God for our daughter **Susana** and her husband Andrew who are in the D. R. Congo with others from their church visiting the Bible Institute and leaders of sister churches gathered in Katshungo. Pray that God continue clarifying their missionary call and service.



We thank God also for **Andrés Gustavo** who just finished a year of service with the army reserve in Texas, and is headed to continue his studies in architecture at the University of Illinois in Champagne.

I, Becki, had another biopsy in February which came back negative, and am due for another check-up next month. Thanks for your prayers.



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