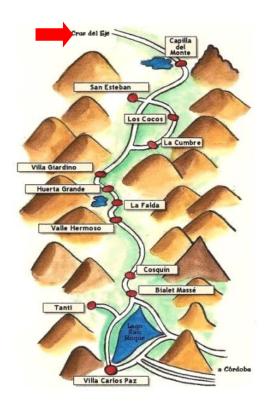
The Punilla Valley



Dear Friends,

More than a month has gone by since we last wrote to you. This has been a busy time with many things happening.

At the end of April we received the news that our Area Director, <u>Don Pfleger</u>, was diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus. On May 15th, very suddenly, at the age of 74, <u>Don</u> passed into the presence of the Lord. This was very unexpected, and it was a shock to all B.M.W. missionaries from the Southern Cone who had been at Conference with him in March. **Please pray for his wife Anita and family**. Though we know that we will be enjoying in the presence of our Savior, it must be very hard to physically lose the friend and companion of a life time.

On May 24th we celebrated 28 years together. We **praise the Lord** every day for the gift of all these years enjoying life, family and ministry together!



Talking of family, **we praise the Lord** for the part our children have in ministry. Since we had our first child we decided to do the teaching of God's Word and of the Christian principles for daily life at home, but then help them to be a light in the world at school, in the neighborhood, etc. Through the years we have seen how God uses each one of our kids.

On May 17th, Annie, our youngest daughter had the joy of seeing her closest friend from school <u>Angie</u>, get saved. What a joy to be used in God's hand with eternal results! **Please pray for Angie as she grows in her Christian life**.

From May 16 to 28th we enjoyed the visit of our oldest daughter Andrea and her husband Juan, who were on vacation.

One nice sunny day while they were here, we decided to go out for a ride (in the van, which keeps running because of your prayers[©]).



We followed the <u>Punilla Valley Map</u> that you see in this letter, from Villa Carlos Paz where we live, all the way to Cruz del Eje. Now we know that from one end to the other the valley has 114km. = 70mi. and that it takes almost two hours to travel that curvy road from one end to the other.

We decided to stop in <u>Cruz del Eje</u> and make a survey of how many churches this city of almost 50,000 people has. We left town not only with a lot of information, but with having made contact with a small group of believers who need help establishing a church! Please pray for us as we plan for a future work in that town; pray for laborers and the details that go with starting to work in a new town.



The first place we are looking for laborers is in our midst. We **praise the Lord for the men** God has given to the churches of Colinas and Bialet. All of them have the desire to learn how to share God's Word. Tito is teaching Homiletics to six men (one is not in the picture).



The young man between Pablo and Tito is <u>Matías</u>, who was saved last February. We **praise the Lord** for his spiritual growth. He has asked to be baptized. This will be a testimony to his family, to whom he is witnessing. **Please continue praying** for him.

We are also seeing growth in the ladies both in Colinas and Bialet. Adriana started teaching about raising kid's God's way, and we already can see a change. **Pray for wisdom as we teach**.



The mid-week prayer and Bible study in Bialet is also growing. Thank you for your prayers! Please continue praying for growth, both spiritual and in number.

<u>Pocha</u> was the first lady that accepted Christ as her Savior through our ministry back in 2003. She has been attending church faithfully ever since, except for the past two years, since the church moved to Colinas, which is a long way from her home. This past month she came back and goes in our van to Bialet's mid-week service. This is a joy for us, to see her back in our group. **Please pray** for her family's salvation.

While on Thursdays we sit comfortably inside the warm church building, on Saturdays we still have the problem of not having enough room for all the kids, teenagers and adults that attend. The young people are having their activities in a nearby plaza. We pray for nice weather every Saturday!



Please continue praying with us for the need of new land and building. It has just come up to our attention the possibility of a donation towards this need. Please be praying that this may become a reality. As we continue growing in number the need is greater! Thank you for praying for <u>Franco</u>, the teenage boy who had suicidal thoughts. He hasn't been back to church, but he receives those who visit him, and listens. Please continue praying for him!

Please be praying for B.M.W.'s leaders as they look for a new Area Director.

Our former A.D. had started the paperwork for our Religious Visas. Because that wasn't ready, and it may take time to find a new A.D., we decided to try for a Tourist Visa, and go to the U.S. just the two of us for only two months. We are glad to tell you that we have the visas and that we will be visiting 28 churches and many families during August and September. It will be a time to personally give a report to each of you who have been praying for our trip, health, and the family and ministry that we leave behind.



Hoping to see you soon...

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