

# CRAWFORD CONNECTION

When I walk in the mountains near our home here in Tucson and see the trees and plants hugging the stream, these verses in Jeremiah 17 come to mind, *“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”* The desert is a harsh environment, and its wildlife and plant life adjust to its conditions marvelously!

## PRAYER CORNER

**Ministry Trip March 22-April 3 rd**, we thank the Lord for this opportunity! Pray for a fruitful time of encouragement and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit’s guidance.

**Sabbaticals**, Pray for three families preparing the logistics for their time away from ministry, that the Lord will renew and restore.

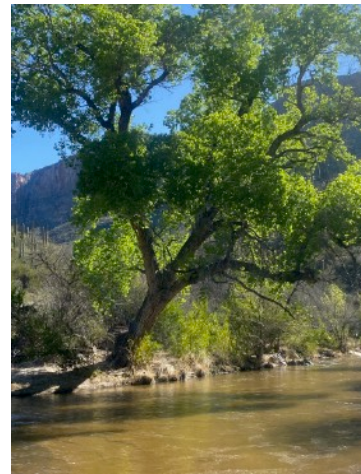
**Missionaries Juan Carlos and Yaneth Rodriguez** - pray for success in Yaneth’s shoulder surgery on March 16th. Pray also for God to bring more financial partners to support their work. Please contact us if you would like a call from them. The link to their giving page is: <https://give.fmcusa.org/donation/df-cpborodriguez>

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In our ministry of pastoral care with global workers we seek to walk alongside as they live and work cross-culturally. Times of stress, just as the summer heat and drought inevitably come. Roots stretched out to the streams of Living Water will carry them through. We encourage healthy spiritual rhythms in several ways.

One is coordinating our **small groups** for prayer and sharing. Each missionary belongs to one of these groups that meet twice a month.



Another way is through **visits**, when we can really get to know our missionary’s environment and family. Guy and I will spend the next two weeks (March 22-April 3) visiting Rodrigo and Tanya Rosado and their daughter Ellia, and Andrea Tinsley in Buenos Aires, Argentina and then Rich and Laurie Sheriff in Concepción, Chile. Pray for our time together which will include a mini-retreat in each location.

A final way we are serving is as **mentors** with leaders who are on Sabbatical. During their three months we meet regularly with them to listen to what God is doing in their lives and pray with them. Pray for God to give us wisdom as we come alongside.

We were reminded by Dr. David Thomas, who gave a talk to our Latin America Area on the Asbury Outpouring recently that everything important in life happens through prayer. When we work, WE work, when we pray, GOD works! Thank you for your prayers that will make all the difference as we continue this work.

