



Road Maps and Street Views

Dear FMWM,

Perhaps traditional, folded, paper roadmaps are becoming a thing of the past. In today's technological world, you only need an ending address plugged into waze or google maps app...and voila! you arrive to your destination! You can even zoom in on the street view to make sure you are at the right place. (The street view above didn't come from an app but I took it on a recent visit to one of our favorite little nearby towns.)



I've been thinking about these things because,

1. Ricardo's new position requires a lot of travel. So far this year he has been to Ecuador, another town in Colombia, Nicaragua, Argentina and Indianapolis, IN (for his first round of Area Director meetings). We've determined that he has 15 more international trips to take this year. Your prayers would be appreciated.
2. as we begin this new phase of ministry, it is important not only to set goals but to know how to get to to them. The beauty of those old fashioned road maps is that they can be used to see where you have been and all of the stops along the way. That isn't to say that the apps are useless because it is also great to use the street view option from time to time to zoom in on specific details or events.

The overall map

Ricardo's road map for the Latin America Area is based upon our all encompassing goal of reaching Latin America for Christ through leadership development and church planting. It incorporates strategic planning and vision casting but also pastoral care, communication, financing and more.

We discussed the road map during our first-ever Latin American missionary video conference this month and Ricardo is sharing it with all of the national leaders as well. This week will see the beginning of 9 new Pastoral Care groups (like Wesley's Class meetings) for all current missionaries and national leaders. Pray that these will be transformative groups and that they will become the model for transformation in Latin America.



This is the team of US missionaries that we are privileged to serve alongside in Latin America!

Street views

There are so many different street views...details of ministry... that I would like to share but in the interest of your time I will hold off and only share this one.

On April 4th we launched a renovated website in Spanish (<https://iml-latinoamerica.org/>). On it we share stories of ministry throughout the region for both information and inspirational purposes, we share pastoral resources and Ricardo posts a tri-weekly podcast to inspire and encourage the Latin American leaders.

On Friday evening a friend called and said that one of the resources we posted this month was an answer to prayer. He wanted to thank us and ask us to walk with him through a restorative process. What fun it is to report this news to the rest of the communications team! Please pray that we will continue to provide relevant content to serve our Latin American leaders.



We are so thankful that you are on this journey with us! Thank you for your gifts of love, prayer, encouragement and support. Please keep our family in your prayers as Ricardo's travel schedule picks up and we make some important decisions about next year's school.

By the way, if you live in the Pacific Northwest and would like to schedule for us to visit your church, your small group or your family during the month of June, please send us an [email](#) today. We'd love to get you on our map!



Blessings,
Ricardo, Beth, Juliana and Jonathan

PS. It isn't too late to help us cover the expenses of our upcoming move. Contact us for more information or click on the link below to give.

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