Crawford Connection

January, 2024

Dear Friends,

It's a new year and we are looking forward to our continued ministry with our FMWM Latin America Area missionaries. After a break for Christmas and much of January, most of our team are again laboring in their places of ministry all over Latin America.

One of our main connections with our team is our **small pastoral care groups.** We will start again this week to meet twice monthly to check in with each other, sharing from the heart and praying for one another. Sometimes we read an inspiring book together or share a Scripture.

This past year we were able to have **in person visits** with several team members. At our General Conference in Florida in July we had the joy of seeing almost all of our team and meeting one on one with many of them at a retreat that FMWM provided.

In March we had a great time visiting the Rosados (Rodrigo, Tanya and daughter) and Andrea Tinsley in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Rich and Laurie Sheriff in Chile. There's nothing like experiencing their life first-hand and meeting the people they interact with day to day and in their ministries. Then in October we got to visit the Rollers (Thaddeus, Nikki and daughters) and the Jewells (Shane, Katie and 3 children) in Colombia. All of our visits included a 2-3 day retreat, in order to have time to talk and share together.

We so enjoyed serving as mentors for two families who took 3-month **Sabbaticals.** In August we had a brief, but lovely visit with the Leons (Dennis, Kyle and children) in California at the end of their Sabbatical.

In September we had a special time meeting two of our Latin American leaders, a husband and wife team and their son, as they also were on a sabbatical after more than 25 years of ministry.



As we walk with Jesus in this coming year, our prayer request is for God's leading and guidance as we seek to be available to our team for support and prayer. God bless you, praying friends!

Guy and Betsy

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