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The Ortegas' Hot Newsletter

*The LORD will guide you always;
He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land
and will strengthen your frame.
You will be like a well-watered garden.
Isaiah 58:11*

July 2019

Our Dear friends and supporters:

Hello from McAllen, Texas in the beautiful Rio Grande Valley, yes beautiful but hot, as in extremely!

It has been some time since I last wrote and I'd like to keep you informed about our family and faith matters, right before leaving the country.

Maranatha: We continue serving the Lord, enriching people's lives with the Word of God, helping and healing many and then enlisting them in the ranks to help others. What a beautiful way to see Him work in and then through men and women. Our Life Groups continue meeting in different homes. We are especially excited about the progress of men like Daniel and Rafael, who are not only becoming great teachers, but true men of the Word and of the Lord. They are both also involved in teaching Sunday School. In June we had our Vacation Bible School with about 60 kids in attendance. Some adults greatly supported our youth group to take on this challenge. Our church was beautifully decorated with this year's theme. We also had a 2-day mini conference for our young girls. Michelle Stansell supported her daughter Katelyne, from our beloved Fellowship Bible Church (Tulsa, OK) to accomplish this great task.

Ecuador: On July 18, I will once again go to that South American country, this time, with a brother from church. I will be holding a pastors' conference, and helping in other ministries with couples, leaders and also assist in a Bible study group in a local university campus. What a joy to be able to visit Semilla de Mostaza (Mustard Seed) in Loja, where one of our spiritual daughters from Maranatha has been serving for about 15 years.

Panama: The Lord willing, after praying for two years to make this a reality, God is allowing Mary and I to visit her aged mother. The plan is to be there from September 16-30.

Cuba: Last February I was supposed to have gone to the Pearl of the Caribbean to continue ministry, but a few health issues in the family made me change plans. Now, a small group is planning to join me to two main places for ministry. In one I will continue to follow up with the great discipleship material we are imparting in Maranatha. The second place will be a brand new opportunity to start with this amazing material in Santa Lucía, where I will meet with the leaders of about 7 rural churches. Our next trip is scheduled for this coming November and I want Mary to go with me, along with two other ladies from our church. They will be primarily focusing on teaching women and children.

Family: I'm happy and blessed how God has been with Mary and me for 33 years, and the fact that all of these years, we have been serving Him, regardless of the many curves we've experienced. God is faithful. His love and grace sustain us daily. Sarai has also had her ups and downs in her bout with lupus, but she continues to pursue her master's program and looks forward to finishing next month. Priscilla, Brad and Ollie are doing very good. Ollie is now almost three months and has grown out two teeth. Sylvia graduated from High School and is planning to take a gap year, go to Dallas with her sister Priscilla, get a job there and then attend college.





Praises:

We are about to purchase our tickets to Panama to visit Mary's mother.
I am about to leave for Ecuador and for Cuba in November for ministry.

Pray

For safety and for the Lord to use me in Ecuador, starting this coming Friday.

For Sarai's health and Mary's.

For Sylvia, that she would continue to walk with the Lord and for future plans.

Thank you very much for being a vital part of our marriage and our ministry. Together we are touching and changing lives in McAllen, Cuba and Ecuador. We very much appreciate your partnership in the Lord's Work.

In Him,

Franc Ortega