

# Reed Reflections ...from the desk of Judy Reed

Developing practical training courses for third world missionaries

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## An Anniversary, a Fall, and Three Cute Paramedics



Humble celebration for Mom's 70th Anniversary

On Sunday, February 14—Valentines Day, Mom (93 years old now!) celebrated her **70th anniversary**! We were snowed/iced in, so it wasn't a fancy celebration but she did get a heart-shaped brownie with "70" drawn in little red cinnamints.

Exactly a week later she added excitement to all of our lives with a nasty fall that resulted in a head wound and lots of bleeding. Several paramedics and an ambulance ride later, she and I found ourselves in the ER for five hours where she got numerous CT scans and X-rays to rule out bleeding in the brain and any fractures that would require treatment or hospitalization. Thank God all was miraculously well except for being bruised and sore—and having **three broken ribs** (ouch!), so she was able to come home to us.



Hangin' out at the ER



Laughing at her joke. 😊

The next day at lunch I asked Mom what she remembered about the excitement of the day before. She told me that three cute paramedics came and picked her up off the floor when she fell, cleaned up the blood, and took her in an ambulance to the hospital. When I mentioned that her blood pressure was pretty high at the hospital, she quipped, *"Those guys must have been cuter than I thought!"* We laughed so hard! What a character! I am beyond blessed to have her in my home.

### It's Happening!

For centuries, most missionaries have gone out from first world countries. Now God is calling more and more people in the two-thirds world to serve Him by taking the Good News around the globe. Just like us, they need training in order to be as effective as possible. As you know, Robert has been developing online courses to provide this training. But he hadn't yet discerned the best organization to partner with in disseminating the courses. And so we prayed and asked you to pray.

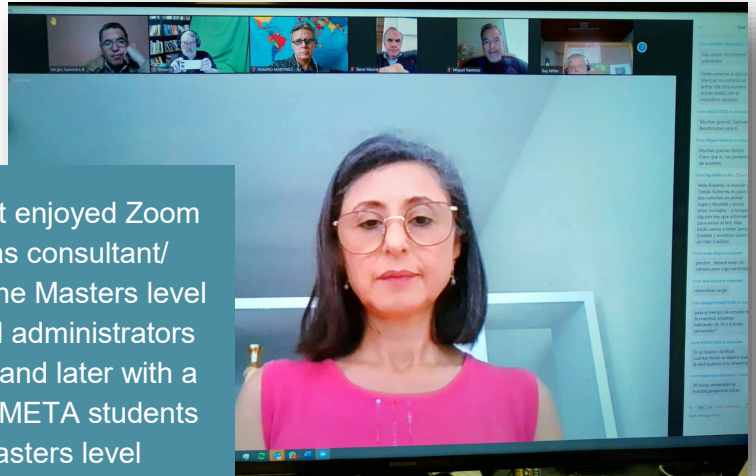
Our prayers have been answered wonderfully! Robert recently began working in conjunction with an online ministry training school in Costa Rica called ProMETA ([prometa.info](http://prometa.info), in case you'd like to check it out) to help equip third world missionaries and pastors to carry out God's call on their lives. ProMETA offers courses

at certificate, diploma, and Masters levels. Robert will be applying his many years of academic experience in teaching, course development, and program development to this collaborative effort. This partnership expands the availability of his courses, and lends his expertise to the ongoing ministry of preparing people for cross-cultural service, in Latin America and around the world. It feels to us as though God has been grooming Robert for this ministry his whole life.

A recent statistic that we came across is that there are currently approximately 24,000 Latin Americans involved in intercultural ministry and missions. It is estimated that of these, **about 80% are lacking any kind of specific ministry training** to help them be more effective in their ministries. ProMETA is one attempt to provide this necessary training to Spanish speakers around the world, and we are thrilled to be a part of it.



Today Robert enjoyed Zoom meetings as consultant/ advisor with the Masters level teachers and administrators at ProMETA and later with a cohort of ProMETA students at the Masters level



### Praise and Prayer

- Praise for God's orchestration in connecting us with ProMETA.
- Pray for health and strength to do the things God calls us to do.
- Praise that Mom was not hurt worse when she fell. Pray for good healing and no secondary effects of the broken ribs (i.e. pneumonia, internal bleeding from pain meds).
- Pray for me as I care for Mom. I still need prayer for sleep!
- Pray for God's will to be done on earth just as it is in heaven.
- Pray for godly leadership at all levels in our country.
- Pray for those around the world who are suffering persecution for their faith.
- Pray for many who are grieving or suffering as a result of covid or other difficult situations.

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