

Reed Reflections ...from the desk of Judy Reed

Helping train third world missionaries

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Happy New Year, Y'all!

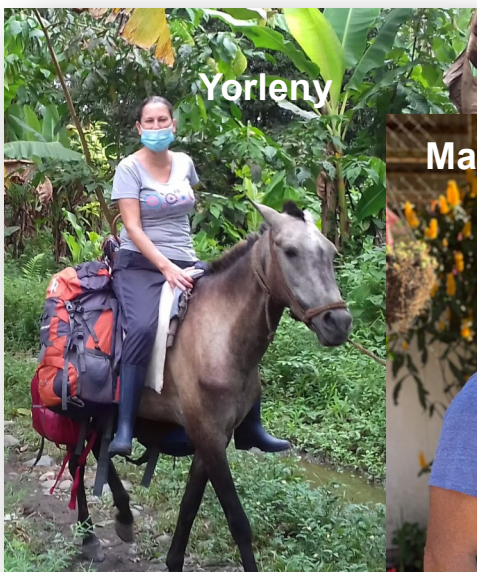
"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Regardless of what this year ends up looking like for each of us, we can look forward with confident anticipation to God showing up and bringing hope and a future! **The future truly is as bright as the faithfulness of God!**



Ripples

This month, the third Masters cohort of missions students will be starting at ProMETA, and Robert will be working with them. Our Costa Rican colleague Yorleny will be part of that group, gaining further knowledge and experience with cross-cultural ministry. This will enhance her and her husband Manuel Porras' ministry to indigenous people in Costa Rica and Panama.



About five or six years ago, Yorleny and I became prayer partners and friends who have never met in person but have laughed and cried together, and have prayed together regularly during weekly Skype visits.

Yorleny is the one who introduced Robert to ProMETA. Now God has linked the

Porras' ministry and ours together doubly through ProMETA and also through mutual membership in Partners in Joy. We love seeing how God sets up ripples of His faithfulness around us.

Christmas Surprise

Christmas at my sister Jeanne's house with about 20 family gathered was wonderful, as always. Delicious food, carol singing, the Christmas story, and a rousing White Elephant game is our typical Christmas day fare. And then came the (unwelcome!) surprise. Mom fell—on a carpeted floor thank God. At first she didn't think she was hurting too badly, but as the day and night wore on it was obvious she was in increasing pain. So off to the ER we went. Thankfully no broken bones—a miracle considering her age and osteoporosis. My brother quipped wryly, “We need to come up with a different way to get Mom to meet good looking strong young men.” 😊 Her pain is improving. Pray for her safety. She is not fond of using walkers.



Praise and Prayer

- **Pray** for Robert's health and for energy to throw himself with vigor into the ministry he loves so much.
- **Praise** for Yorleny and her husband Manuel Porras and the ministry they have in Costa Rica and Panama amongst indigenous groups there. **Praise** that Yorleny's surgery went well and she is recovering nicely. **Praise** that God provided a scholarship for Yorleny to enter the Masters program in ProMETA.
- The Porras family just moved into a modest house for sale on a sizeable property. It would make a perfect home base and eventual school for indigenous people. They dream of a miracle that would allow them to buy it. **Pray** for God's will! Also, please pray for increased financial support for them.
- **Pray** for consistent good sleep and energy for me and for the ability to care well for my dear aging mom and handle her health and dementia struggles competently. May Jesus emanate from me, saturating her with peace and contentment.

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