Helping train Hispanic Kingdom workers

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## Pies, Pies, and More Pies



Robert, as usual, has his fingers in many ministry pies as he carries out the assignment God has given him of helping prepare Hispanic pastors and missionaries for cross-cultural service through the Costa



Rican ProMETA online school. As I meander through his office on my way from my desk to the kitchen, I might find him in a Zoom meeting with ProMETA staff or students. Sometimes I see him deep in concentration as he creates textbooks/supportive material for a couple of new courses for ProMETA. He oversees four cohorts of graduate students. He is also involved in individually mentoring several students in their programs. Please pray for wisdom in all these things as well as good health and energy to be able to accomplish much for our King.

**Thank you** for investing in us and our ministry! You are a conduit of God's provision so that we can continue in this work as we prepare for and anticipate the day when "the knowledge of God's glory covers the earth as the waters cover the sea." (Hab. 2:14) May He multiply back to you—many times over—all you do for us! We love you!

## Fun, Fun, and More Fun 🔾



June is birthday month for Robert and me, and also for his sister Fran. This year Fran came to visit for several days just before her birthday, and it was such a gift to be able to spend time with her, basking in the joy of family! So many memories shared, as well as a fun birthday meal at a favorite restaurant, celebrating all of us!



## Not Quite As Much Fun



On May 2nd, Robert came down with covid. The very next day I followed suit. As if that weren't "fun" enough, I soon added pneumonia to the mix. The violent cough that came with covid provoked a middle-of-the night trip to the ER for Robert who began bleeding from his eye area. Thankfully it turned out to be just a burst capillary in his eyelid, but because he is on blood thinners it was pretty dramatic. Later, that same violent cough threw my back out of whack, which ended up keeping me mostly in bed for several weeks with intense pain. I've had back pain before, but boy have I gained a new appreciation for those who suffer severe pain, especially back pain, for an extended time! I'm happy to say that I'm finally making good progress toward healing from that and that God has, of course, proved Himself faithful yet again. Please pray that we will both return to full strength and stamina soon.



I also want to thank our kids who took such great care of us from afar while we were ill, ordering easy heat-and-eat groceries delivered to our front porch whenever we needed anything, and checking in on us by phone frequently. And my sister-in-law Ruth ran errands for us. We are so blessed!!

## **Praise and Prayer**

- Pray for Robert's and my health and for energy to throw ourselves with vigor into the ministry God has given us.
- The gang-related unrest in the Kaluli village area in PNG where my sister and her husband lived and translated the Kaluli New Testament has continued to delay plans for a dedication of the newly printed translation. Please pray for peace and safety for the Kaluli people and others affected by this unrest.