



Paul & Marla

## Focus on the Fields

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### COVID-19 comes home!

Father's Day in June seems like a long time ago because that is when COVID-19 invaded our family. Our son-in-law Arnaldo came down with symptoms that evening and later tested positive. We quarantined ourselves while working from home. Eleven days later Marla came down with symptoms of the novel virus and tested positive. Our total quarantine extended to exactly one month. Praise the Lord for no serious complications. Disease respects no one these days; not even our President Trump! Join us as we fervently pray for God's will in the upcoming elections.

We are still facing many cancellations of meetings due to the pandemic. Two conferences in June were cancelled and then meetings in September to meet and talk with college students about missions. This month still one more cancellation was for a retreat we had planned for college students to focus on missions. It has all been due to the virus and taking precautions. Our prayers have been for you too as you face these months of planning, cancelling, and trying to figure out how to do ministry!

Our family had been planning a "staycation" (a vacation where you just stay home and do things together) that finally came together on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. One of the fun things Paul, our son Ben, and grandson Caleb did was to play in a golf tournament where the proceeds went to Open Door Baptist Missions. None are golfers so there were no prizes given to them. Just lots of good fun!

Church services here in Greenville have resumed except for Sunday evenings. Many potentially at-risk members continue to appreciate live streaming of the now in person services. How sweet worship services and prayer meetings are once again with God's people. To provide another class for seniors, Paul was recently asked to become the assistant teacher with the Pastor emeritus of a new 60+ Sunday School class.

We are praying for **David and Roxana Keiser**. He grew up in Spain, ministered in the Morningside Baptist Hispanic Church, and then at a Bible College in Puerto Rico. He was called to lead the **Bible Baptist Hispanic Church in Charlotte, NC**. Paul and a brother from the church helped the Keisers move to their new house. Recently, Paul and ODBM



Director Dave Smith visited them to strategize the next steps in their church planting efforts. You can view their short video interview at the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/mbcgreenville/videos/1273603316365881/>



The Morningside Baptist Church and the Open Door Baptist Missions are partnering with the Hope for Reno Team. God brought together four gifted servant leaders and their families to launch a church plant in **Reno, Nevada**. You will be excited to hear their plans, and we highly recommend your partnership with this team: <https://hopeforreno.com/>.

ODBM and Morningside have enjoyed a great partnership with the **Grace Baptist Theological College and Seminary in Myanmar**. It has been our joy to partner with them through praying and going as teaching teams. We want to help them fill their new library by shipping a 20-foot container in early 2021. The cost of the project is \$10,000. See more: <http://www.odbm.org/journal/2020/8/26/myanmar-book-project>

We thank God for your support in prayer and giving. Our lives have taken on the 9-5 rhythm that is so different from mission field living that at times meant more hours only less structured. I think we can now say, that though we miss our ministries in Paraguay, we have adjusted to the ministry that God has called us to do here in the USA. We so appreciate you standing with us.

Rejoicing,

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