

## Nathan & Kathy Ramsey

February 2015

Recently I received an early-morning call from Omar, REDES coordinator and administrator of the mission house in Santa Cruz. Just before leaving for church, he went upstairs in the mission house and discovered water gushing out of the doors under the kitchen sink. The water was pouring through the cracks in the wooden floor to the rooms below. Omar rushed downstairs to find 4 inches of water standing in the floor of the room directly below the kitchen which happens to be Kathy's and my bedroom.



The room next to ours is the VEA office (VEA presents videos in schools to address moral and ethical issues). With over 100 CD videos, a desktop computer and monitor, and two printers in the room; only one printer and all the CD's had gotten wet. The computer and laser printer were out of reach.

Our bedroom was a different story. The bed and mattress were saturated, all the clothes were dripping wet and the wall paint and plaster were peeling. The plastic footlockers seemed to be okay, but because they are padlocked, we really won't know until June when we arrive in Bolivia with the keys.

Omar has since spent most of his vacation time (from classes at the Evangelical University) with his wife, Anna, drying, cleaning, washing, etc. They have also begun the plaster repair and painting necessary to fix our room. For the time being, he has been using his own personal funds to do these repairs and is waiting to completely repair the plumbing system upstairs when he has "spare" time.

As if that isn't enough, the leaking porch roof on the mission house needs repairs and Santa Cruz is requiring sidewalks to be poured the length of the property in February. The internet has been down, vehicle taxes are due, Omar needs to make a trip to the Lomerio to train Sunday School teachers, and he is also preparing for the arrival of Tim and Ceci and a 10-person electrical team going to Monte Blanco in February. This is all happening in the sticky, sweltering heat of a typical Bolivian summer. Pray for Omar and Ana as they carry out their myriad responsibilities.

Meanwhile here in Pennsylvania, we are digging ourselves out from a heavy snowfall with subfreezing temperatures forecast for the next two weeks. Kathy has been driving courier routes to supplement our income and recently I accompanied her due to unsafe driving conditions. One day as she began sliding sideways down an icy hill, I reached over and shifted the car into the lowest gear. This straightened the downward trajectory and kept us in our own lane. In winter I try not to leave Kathy alone for extended periods since Nate and Kati no longer live with us. This will change beginning February 9<sup>th</sup> when I leave on the first of several fund-raising trips covering most of the eastern USA.

## Travel Plans

- Feb. 9 – 16. North to PA, OH, MI
- Feb. 19 – 26. East to PA, MD, DE, and NJ
- Mar. 8 – 22. South to KY, NC, SC, VA, PA
- April 8 – 28. South to AL, GA, NC, SC, FL, PA
- May 9 – 25. West to OH, IN, IL, MO
- May 26 – mid June. Home/Prepare for Bolivia trip
- June – August. Several teams in Bolivia
- Fall – December. Resume fund-raising trips

## Prayer and Praise

Kathy: Eye issues, potential eye laser surgery, doctor appointment on 2-17. Protection while Nathan is traveling.

Kati: Serving in the Air Force in Hawaii. Named "Operation Support Member of the Year" at Squadron level.

Nate: Safety while driving for UPS in winter. Involved in youth ministry.

Sherri (Nate's wife): Lengthy commute and long hours at work.

Stephen (Jessica's husband): Passed exam permitting him to work in hospital emergency department.

Jessica and Stephen: Continued residency in Fort Wayne, IN. Plans for future as medical missionaries.

Nathan: Travel, meetings, work, health. He has been getting good exercise shoveling snow.

Thanks for an excellent month of support in December.

## Support Update

We finished 2014 with a \$10,000 deficit in our LATCOM personal missionary account.

October – December were good support months for us. However, this was not enough to avoid a \$1300/month pay cut. This will be reversible as support increases.

We need **\$1,263** more per month to reach full salary.

**WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT GOD WILL SUPPLY OUR NEEDS AND DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR PARTNERSHIP.**

## Ministry Plans

--Travel and partner development (see travel plans). PLEASE CONTACT US IF THE TRAVEL DATES ENABLE MEETING WITH YOU WHILE IN YOUR AREA.

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--Nathan is focusing on:

- Increasing personal support
- Project funding (REDES program, Santa Cruz mission house repairs, outreach in Lomerio
- National missionary partnerships
- Short-term mission trips
- Bridging Chuck Ramsey's supporting churches and individuals to LATCOM
- Strategic planning and training in LATCOM home office and on the Bolivian field.
- Writing projects

IF YOU HAVE ANY STORIES OF YOUR PERSONAL INTERSECTION WITH LATCOM, PLEASE SEND THEM TO US.

LATCOM is on the threshold of an exciting, challenging period of God's work both in Latin America as well as in the U.S. In order to do this, we must re-evaluate, refocus, and strive to be a leaner, more efficient mission. Please pray with and for us during this process.

Aqui para servir (Here to serve),

Nathan



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