

Nathan & Kathy Ramsey

Spring 2015

There is still snow on the ground in the shaded spots, and the daffodils have begun poking their way through the ground this past week. Winter is waning and spring is poised to burst forth in all its color and promise of renewal and regeneration. The sun is shining and this past Easter Sunday we were reminded that the Savior rose from the dead to bring us hope, deliverance from death, and an unshakeable promise of life and light eternal.



While March was a trying month for us, God has been gracious in taking care of us and keeping us from major harm. Both Kathy and I had multiple trips to the eye clinic, resulting in Kathy having non-invasive laser surgery in both eyes and my postponing cataract surgery by getting new glasses. Kathy will also have to get new glasses. On March 17th, returning home from meetings in South Carolina, our car was rear ended by a distracted driver while we were sitting at a red light. He never slowed down, resulting in totaling our car and delaying our return home by three days. He had to be extracted from his vehicle, but we were able to walk away from the accident. We only lacked 2 more payments on the vehicle. We have another vehicle and just returned from another ministry trip to Florida. See our travel schedule below.

Travel Update/Plans

- April 8-April 29 Central Florida
- April 29-May 4 Partner development in AL, GA, SC, NC, KY
- May 5-7 Meetings @ Latcom office in New Castle
- May 7-15 Home and travel in PA
- May 16-25 West to OH, MI, IN, IL, MO
- May 27-30 Meetings @ Latcom office in New Castle
- May 31-June 14 Home and prepare for trip to Bolivia
- June 15-17 Meetings with John Lytle in Roaring Spring, PA
- June 19-July 28 Bolivia—Responsible for STMTs (Short Term Mission Trips)
- Fall—December Resume fund raising trips

Support Update

January and February were lean months, but March was much better and April is off to a good start, thanks to generous giving by our partners in ministry. The pay cut of \$1,300/month remains in effect, severely depleting our savings. Our prayer is that giving will increase allowing the pay cut to be lifted. We need to raise an additional \$1,263 more per month to receive full salary.

We remain confident that God will supply our needs. We greatly appreciate your partnership and generous giving over the years.

Omar and Ana's Corner

Omar has been busy this year. He is currently completing a degree in psychology and counseling. He and Ana are in charge of the mission home and take care of guests when teams are in Santa Cruz. In May Omar will travel to the Lomerio to continue training 25 Sunday School teachers. He plans to double up classes in order to free himself up for the influx of summer teams beginning in June and lasting into August.

Ana's Chagas disease is being controlled by treatment. One side benefit is that she no longer gets sick when traveling. This has enabled her to travel with Omar and has strengthened not only their relationship but also their ministry.

Diana (12) is learning to cook and both she and Sebastian (10) are taking on more responsibility helping their parents. They are both adjusting to a new school and making new friends. The only way they could both attend the same school at the same time of the day was to put them in a private school, which is costing Omar and Ana a third of their pay check. Because Bolivia does not have enough school buildings the younger attend in the morning while the older children attend in the afternoon and the oldest in the evenings. Omar and Ana's life would be much more complicated with a split shift arrangement.

Sebastian has healed from the dog attack that resulted in non-scarring injuries to his back and legs. Thankfully the dog was not rabid so he did not have to suffer the trauma of rabies shots.

Prayer and Praise

- Kathy's laser eye surgery in both eyes went well and she is recovering nicely.
- Kati has found a good church in Hawaii and is now taking some of her co-workers. We have seen tremendous growth in her. For all those who have prayed over the years, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. In April, she had a diving accident and has a broken bone between her nose and eye as well as possible eye damage. We appreciate your prayers for her!
- Nate and Sherri are doing well and settling into the routine of married life.
- Jessica and Stephen just returned from training in Texas and continue to be very busy.
- We were rear-ended in Winston-Salem returning home from a trip to South Carolina. While Kathy will likely be going to the chiropractor for a good while to deal with the effects of the accident, we are grateful that we did not sustain more lasting injuries.
- Please lift us up as we travel all this coming month and as we prepare for June's trip to Bolivia.

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Here to serve,

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