



# THE BONHAM LINE

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### Thankful!

*“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.” -Philippians 1:3-5*

These words are always shocking to me. What is amazing is not so much that he gives thanks to the Lord for his partnership in the gospel with the church in Philippi, but that he does so from prison! I can only pray that my heart and mind would be occupied by the same thoughts if I were facing such suffering and persecution.

If he gave thanks in the midst of such suffering, how much more should we give thanks in moments of peace. With this in mind, we want to thank all of you who pray for us, support us financially, and encourage us through your partnership in the gospel. Your sacrifice of time, energy, and money is what allows us to serve in South America to see people come to Christ and churches planted. This Thanksgiving and always, we are so thankful for you!

### A Call to Prayer

As we give thanks to the Lord, we are also called to make prayers of intercession. Since October we have seen major upheavals throughout South America. In **Peru**, the president disbanded the congress, and the congress subsequently ousted the president, which has

caused political chaos. In **Ecuador**, the government eliminated various subsidies which caused panic and violent riots. A bus was bombed just blocks from MTW colleagues. Just after that, violent and destructive protests erupted in **Chile**. A partnering church was vandalized and looted. As this began, trouble spread to **Colombia** where people took to the streets in what started out as peaceful protests, but then evolved into violence and looting. All of this is on top of the continued chaos in **Venezuela**. This sudden uptick in political and social unrest in South America has caused us to keep constant contact with our MTW colleagues who are present in these countries.

We would ask you to please pray. It won't make the US news cycle, but we must be mindful to the situation. Although we don't know the reasons why this is taking place, we do know that the Lord uses these opportunities to wake us up—both calling the lost to himself and waking up those who have become complacent (myself included!).

### End-of-Year Giving

As 2019 draws to a close, we would like to humbly ask you to consider making a one-time gift or monthly pledge towards our family and Seminario Bíblico Reformado. We also want to remind you that Mission To the World is a 501(c)3 organization and all donations are tax-deductible. As we are here in the US on Home Ministry Assignment raising money for our next term of service, any and all donations are greatly appreciated!

### ABOUT US

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