

The Jolleys

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Dear Prayer Partners,

Through faith you are shielded by God's power... though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. – 1 Peter 1:5-7

One year ago, we returned to Canada after 25 years of service in Caracas, Venezuela. Since then the social and humanitarian crisis in Venezuela has worsened. It is heartbreaking to see those you love suffer with food and medicine shortages, daily criminal activity and injustice in all shapes and sizes. It is not easy to equip, encourage and mentor people living through crisis from a distance. But in grace we are growing in how to do so. The apostle Peter did just that and it is good to learn from him.

Suffering, hardship and trial are not new to the people of God, and in fact, God uses it to purify His people so that He can make Himself known through them. Peter tells us that perishing faith, when purified is much more valuable than gold. It's true. As we communicate with spiritual family in Venezuela at times it is hard to discern who is actually mentoring and encouraging who? We have much to learn from them, as they testify in the midst of crisis how "give us this day our daily bread" and "deliver us from evil" has new significance as a daily reality. Their faith strengthens ours.

Recently Gaby wrote:

"We do not cease to pray for Venezuela, but nothing seems to change except that each day the situation is worse. I am thankful to God, who always seems to provide, but many people are starving. It is extremely hard to endure what is happening, but we are confident that Our Lord is in control and we know that He has a purpose in all of this."

Will you continue to pray with us for justice in Venezuela. Pray that your brothers and sisters in Christ will have full confidence that they are shielded by God's power. Pray that their golden faith will result in golden opportunities to make Christ known. Pray that they may discover and fulfill all the purposes that God has designed for them in their nation in the midst of the current crisis. Pray for repentance and salvation. Our love and prayers are an anchor for their faith in the midst of the storm.

In addition to ministering to Venezuelans and other latinos, here in Canada Ken is hoping to become more increasingly involved in overseeing the Kairos course (www.kairoscourse.org) which educates and mobilizes local churches in global mission. If you are interested in knowing more about this program, Ken would love to talk to you. If you are at all interested in what God is doing in our world today, and how He is doing it, you need to have the Kairos experience. Kairos is merely a tool which enables us to experience the heart of God for all peoples and to discover our role in living out His heart and plan for them.

Your ambassadors in equipping and encouraging others who make God known,



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