

# The Jolleys

Missionaries Serving the Spanish Speaking World  
with Fellowship International

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Dear Prayer Partners,

*“Imitate me as I imitate Christ” - Apostle Paul (2 Cor. 11:1)*

This verse was the theme for a missionary conference recently held by Trentside Baptist Church. As Ken prepared a message based on this theme, he was struck by both the simplicity and challenge of how this phrase defines the task of making disciples. Discipleship is first and foremost a relationship encounter. Discipleship is about one life inviting another life to walk with them until they become full members of the kingdom of God and salt and light to this world. At least this seems to be the pattern that Jesus left for us. We were created to image God, and discipleship is about walking together to correct, equip and encourage as God is seen in and through us to this world. The challenge of course is to image God in all things – particularly in His grace and truth – so that we too can say, “Imitate me as I imitate Christ.” It is the essence of all true discipleship.

This principle has fueled anew the significant role that disciple makers have and our ministry of equipping and encouraging servants in God’s kingdom. Ken continues to mentor and equip via the internet. The Lord is raising up some choice servants to the Spanish speaking world and it is such a privilege to be able to come alongside them in their journey to discover and affirm their role in the kingdom of God. In the midst of severe shortages in Venezuela, Ruben, who is a pastoral intern writes,

*Up to now, God has supplied everything that my wife and I need! Every day my faith is increased for everything that the Lord has done in my life in these days. I am like Joshua and Caleb. Many here a more like the 10 spies, unbelieving and frightened.. But the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who was with Joshua is also with me in this moment in my country!*

Ruben is not alone in his testimony. God is doing something through His church in Venezuela and it is our privilege to stand with them as their presence shine as lights, their actions are salt and their words are both an evangelistic and prophetic voice for this moment. Pray that they will grow in imitating Christ well.

Here in Ontario, the Lord is opening up various ministry opportunities also in the area of mentoring, equipping and encouraging servants in formation. Different pastors and servants in the kingdom have asked to meet with Ken from time to time. It is an honour to do so as we learn and grow together. In April, Ken will be sharing with a group of church planters in Toronto and is looking forward to that relationship. The “Instituto de Formacion Ministerial” which is a ministry training institute for Spanish speakers in Toronto has inquired about offering the Kairos program as part of their training and Ken is currently in dialogue with them regarding this.

On a personal note, the last few weeks have been hectic as both Ken and Mary Ann’s mothers were hospitalized at the same time. It has been an interesting growth in grace as we have been juggling ministry, home renovations and attending to our mothers with travel between Pike Bay, Brantford, Owen Sound and Kitchener. Grace is good and the Lord has manifested His loving care in

so many specific ways and details. Both of our mothers are facing another life transition as a result of their hospitalizations. It is an honour to be able to walk and grow with them in this.

Thank you for standing with us through prayer in all of these opportunities. Each and every ministry opportunity is first and foremost a relationship opportunity. Pray that we will always be sensitive to what the Spirit of God is doing in each encounter, and that we would be able to image Him well in grace and in all wisdom.

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

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