

The Jolleys

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Dear Prayer Partners,

And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

2 Timothy 2:2

A significant element of Ken's role is to continually work himself out of a job. That is the goal in both training and counselling. You come alongside others for a time, discovering how God is speaking in their context, learning with them, exploring options for what may need to change or how we may need to grow, equip where knowledge or skills may be lacking, and then encourage and affirm as they launch out on their own and celebrate what God is doing. For a time the relationship can be rather intense, but eventually a baton is passed on and the nature of the relationship changes. Lord willing Ken is worked out of a job.

When that happens, sometimes Ken begins to wonder, "Lord what will you have me do now?" But it is question that has a very short shelf life. God always seems to show up with a new invitation, project or relationship to engage. Such is his current situation as we have been able to celebrate with others what God has done after a season of intense ministry activity through the winter. As closure has happened on several counselling situations and projects, Ken has been invited once again to consider involvement in a new project.

Leaders Formation is a ministry of Fellowship International committed to a church based Bible education that prepares servant leaders in the majority world, who discover how to multiply themselves in the discipleship of others. Using the principles of biblical theology and discussion based learning, the material helps them think biblically as in community they are oriented to contextualize the truth of God within their own cultures. In their words, based on 2 Timothy 2:2, "*Leaders Formation assists in the development of long-term, self-sustainable, indigenous leadership training strategies for church movements.*"

Leaders Formation has created a new curriculum that provides a basis for learning this process and Ken has been invited to coordinate the translation of the material into Spanish and possibly be involved in its' implementation for Spain and Latin America. Generally the program involves a process of a 5-year partnership between Canadian pastors and churches with other pastors and their churches internationally. Thank you for your prayers as we lean upon the Holy Spirit to guide and provide.

Ken also continues to grow in his role as an academic mentor with *Immerse* in Colombia. He has two students that he currently interacts with on a weekly basis:

- Wilcar Martinez is a former ministry colleague of Ken's many years ago in Caracas, Venezuela. Wilcar now lives with his family in Medellin. As Wilcar is pursuing a master's level theological education through *Immerse*, he is also pastoring a church plant with the El Redil association of churches in the neighbourhood of Itagui. What a joyful surprise it is to be able to walk again with Wilcar.

- Yaneth Guerrero is a pastor's wife and ministry leader in the El Redil Poblado church of Medellin. We had the honour of receiving Yaneth and her husband Carlos Mendivelso in our home when they visited Caracas a decade ago. It is equally a joy to reconnect, encourage and affirm her as we walk together via *Immerse*.

Ken has also been able to reconnect with Belkys Moreno as he reviews her spanish translation of the book "Trauma and Resilience", a resource guide being used to orientate people who are involved in the care of missionary personnel. Belkys lives in Venezuela and we do appreciate your prayers as the country continues to suffer through shortages and authoritarian government. The translation of the book has been timely, as it has ministered to us as we navigate the current humanitarian crisis.

Ken continues to fill the pulpit at Markdale Baptist Church on Sundays. They are currently considering a pastoral candidate and we pray that God's will may be evident to all involved. It has been good for Ken to be able to occupy the "preaching saddle" for this season, but he also anticipates the day when this role can be handed off to another. We have very much grown to love our Markdale family, and we celebrate the day that they have a new pastoral family to serve and equip them as they seek to make God known.

The Monday night Spanish group is wrapping up our walk through the Book of Revelation. The call to be willing to give your all, including your very life through martyrdom, in total faithfulness to Jesus Christ in the face of evil and persecution has been challenging, but timely for all of us in the group. Indeed, great is our reward as God will bring justice to this world for His saints. We pray, "Lord, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth and it is in heaven" as God continues to judge our world towards that day of salvation and eternal victory.

Unfortunately, the launch of the Kairos course for the Niagara Region in May was cancelled. However, Ken was able to equip the team and they are very animated and united to attempt to try again the fall.

Thank you for your partnership, as we continue to see our Lord raise up servants for service in His kingdom. What an honour it is for us to to be involved in this on your behalf.

Your partners in the gospel of the kingdom,

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