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## News from Gail Ereddia

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Dear Friends,

In church yesterday, Pastor Dick Mercado admonished us to pray for the spiritual needs of others (and ourselves) even more than we pray for the physical and material needs they have. In Colossians 1:9-12, the Apostle Paul lets us know of his unceasing prayers for the spiritual needs of the believers.

*For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. Colossians 1:9-12*

I am always so grateful when I hear that someone is praying for me and for the ministry of MGMI. Please pray that the Lord will meet my spiritual needs for I know that I cannot prosper in the work of the Lord if I am not depending on Him. I want to walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful and strengthened by His might.

It was very evident to me that prayers were being offered for me these last couple of months. I was overwhelmed to see how the Lord answered prayers even before I knew that I need to pray about them. In December, I received a couple of unexpected gifts for Christmas. Sure enough, in January, I had to have a biopsy which incurred a large medical bill. Those gifts have been a blessing in helping to pay for some of those expenses. Thank you to those who prayed for me during that time. Thank the Lord the results were negative (follow-up in June).



Our annual staff conference the first week in February—while a tremendous blessing—is always a great challenge to me. I think about it all year long and keep my eyes open for extreme bargains to be able to give each of our missionaries a small gift bag when they come. Freezer space was available this year in the church kitchen, so I purchased food on sale to cook and prepare ahead of time so that it would be

easier that week to prepare the lunches and coffee breaks. I was thinking I would be okay doing everything by myself. The Lord knew better! A friend from The Evangelical Church, Monica Gallardo, emailed me and said the Lord laid it on her heart to help me that week. She took three days off of work to be in the kitchen with me and, frankly, I don't know how I would have done it without her! Before I called, the Lord answered! (Monica is on my left; Irene is on Monica's left.)



So many helped this year. Special thanks to the folks at The Evangelical Church who allowed us to use their facility, for different ones from the church family who housed our missionaries, and for those who provided dinner for us each evening. My friend, Irene Charlez, helped me again with the ladies tea this year, providing beautiful decorations, as always, and provided decorations for the tables throughout the week.

The wonderful folks at Westpointe Baptist Church helped with snacks for the gift bags and coffee breaks and some helped with contributions towards the expenses.

We had four prospective families join with us during the conference this year, bringing our total up to 48 in attendance. Two of our families weren't able to be with us this year. Please continue to pray for our team that God would use each one of us for His glory!

**EXCITING NEWS FOR WESTPOINTE BAPTIST CHURCH:  
We're moving this coming Sunday!**

Lord willing, this will be our final move until we are able to be in our own building on our property. The Lord has provided an amazing amount of money these last couple of months to pay off our property loan, and we're praying that the balance will come in by Easter Sunday. This school is within two miles of our property, so we're looking forward to being a blessing to the community and sharing the Word of God with them. This is His ministry, and we're trusting Him to use it for His glory!

Another change for me: For the last several years, The Evangelical Church has had me helping them with their finances, as they haven't had a secretary for a while. This January they hired Martha Aviles, and I am in the process of turning over those responsibilities to her. Please pray for a smooth transition. The Lord's timing is perfect. Dr. Shumate needs more of my help in some areas, so this will give me more time to spend working on those projects. It's been a blessing to serve the Lord by helping the church, but the time is right for me to turn those responsibilities over to others. Please pray that the Lord will give me wisdom as I seek to be a blessing to this ministry.

The importance of prayer cannot be understated. We need to pray for one another. Personally, I am extremely grateful for all prayers. Every time I receive a note from someone telling me that they are praying for me, I am so encouraged. Without Him, I can do nothing!

May God bless and use each one of you for His glory!

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