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Journey with Spanish Speakers. Transform the World.

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for your ongoing support in prayer and financially of our ministry with Camino Global Ministries. The main focus of our work continues to be the administrative tasks involved in running the office in Canada. Looking back on most of 2018 there have been a few changes in our work, but much of it goes on as before through projects and people serving in various contexts around the world.



Patricia Pineda, Administrative Assistant—Patty began as our new Administrative Assistant on March 1, 2018. Ruth Ann has been training her for several months and she is learning quickly and doing very well. Patty and her husband, Hugo, are members of the church where we attend, La Paz de Cristo. For now, she plans to work from home in Cambridge. After Melodie resigned we began to pray that God would provide someone to work with us. A few weeks later, one Sunday morning after church, Patty told us that she would like to work with us.

Ruth Ann's Assignment—Ruth Ann plans to focus more on teaching and mentoring women, especially Hispanic women. This more in keeping with her experience and preparation, in both Ecuador and Mexico. She has done a very good job as Administrative Assistant, and she will continue to be involved with overseeing Patty as she grows in her new assignment. Ruth Ann was asked to serve on the Kiononia committee, which is the women's ministry group at La Paz de Cristo church that we attend.



Ruth Ann has been spending many hours helping to care for her mother (Mary Ann Snider) as her health deteriorates. She was moved temporarily to a long-term care facility close to our house in Kitchener on October 11. Mary Ann's husband of 11 years (Murray Snider) visits her each day, driving from Cambridge to Kitchener. We are praying for her to get a placement in the same facility in Cambridge where they have been living for several years so that Murray does not have to drive to be with her.



Hispanic USA Conference—We attended the Hispanic USA Conference for Camino Global that was held at the FAHOLO Conference Center in Grass Lake MI (June 11-15). HUSA has become the field with the largest number of missionaries, a total of 80. The speaker, Pastor Brent Slater, shared several good messages from the book of Jeremiah. One message concerned running with horses and running through the thickets along the river. “If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses? If you stumble in safe country, how will you manage in the thickets by the Jordan? (Jeremiah 12:5). This meant that conditions would change making his ministry more difficult. Even so, he was called to be faithful and trust God. Several people shared about the difficulty they experienced during big transitions in their lives.



CUBA PROJECTS—Camino Global Ministries is active in Cuba in various ways.

Waverly Church in Winnipeg continues to support several church plants in the city of Sancti Spiritus out of the central congregation of Los Pinos Nuevos. Some of them are in very poor areas of the city. When I visited there in November 2017 I was very encouraged to see the transformation of a poor area of city taking place through the new church plant there. A related project is the Extension Seminary in Sancti Spiritus. On April 27th several students from the Sancti Spiritus extension classes graduated.

Slava Petlitsa and Joanne Pepper, a couple who are professors at Trinity Western University and ACTS Seminary in British Columbia, were invited to teach a course on Christian Leadership in June in Sancti Spiritus and they have been invited to return again in January 2019.

One of the new projects in Cuba is the **Seek First/Buscad Primero** seminar for couples in pastoral ministry and church leadership. Personnel from Camino Global USA were asked to lead several of these seminars in Cuba. I will say more about this ministry later in this letter.



Cottrill family—Jim and Shari Cottrill and their family spent June to September on Home Ministry Assignment in western Canada. Their oldest daughter, Hannah, stayed in Three Hills AB to finish high school there. She attended REBOOT in Calgary, which is a re-entry seminar for young adults returning to Canada after living in another country. They returned to their church-planting ministry in Ixtapaluca, a eastern suburb of greater City of Mexico.

Serving Short Term

Dennis and Sharon Kirsch went to Guatemala to help Ken Spaugh with various projects at the Good News retreat center (March 5-16).

I heard good reports regarding the team from **Bethel Church in Seaforth** that worked at La Aljaba Children’s ministry in Leticia in March. La Aljaba Foundation works with children at risk in Colombia. Marvin Srigley, our board chairman went along with the team. (March 16-26)

Darian Allard completed a six-month short-term missions service with La Aljaba Children’s Ministry in Leticia, Colombia and returned home to Ottawa on March 28, 2018. Lucy Palma, Director of the ministry, wrote to say that Darian was very good, and that she was a constant help and showed lots of love and dedication to the children.

Maureen Lemire was serving for nine months helping to teach English at a school in the city of San Pedro Sula, Honduras. She returned to Canada on November 5th.



Seek First/Buscad Primero—Since last year I have been trying to discern what should be the main focus of our ministry in Canada that could help pastors and church leaders. I have come to the conclusion that Seek First/Buscad Primero should be our focus.

Seek First/Buscad Primero is a ministry of Camino Global that is an interactive and redemptive approach to holistic personal and professional development. It purposes to create an environment that enables Christ followers to experience God's redemptive power so that by His grace they come to live their full potential in Christ. We are seeking to build communities of leaders that are committed to remain faithfully engaged in their pursuit of Christ-likeness.

Keegan Williamson is the person who has developed this program, and he continue to serve as International Director Leadership and Spiritual Formation. Camino Global is developing a website in Spanish dedicated to this ministry, <https://buscadprimero.caminoglobal.org/> and <https://www.caminoglobal.org/explore/resource/seek-first-buscad-primero>

Growth of The Digital Age of Mission

I was encouraged to hear good reports on how the internet is serving to extend gospel work into many areas of the world. It has made possible personal contact with people seeking information about the Christian faith and help in their personal lives, as well as sharing resources and studies online.

Marvin Newell of Missio Nexus refers to this as the Digital Age of missions that began in the mid 1990s. Here are some amazing facts:

- 3.2 billion people are active social media users
- Average user spends 6 hours per day on the internet
- More than 200 million people got their first mobile device in 2017
- A quarter of a billion people got online for the first time in the last 12 months
- Saudi Arabia is the fastest growing country when it comes to social media users (with India close behind)

Beverly Kendal, a missionary serving with Camino Global, writes about the Spanish section of Global Media Outreach's online ministry,

“During the month of July 14,402 e-mails were answered by our Spanish speaking online missionaries.”...
“Since I became part of GMO ministry, they recently wrote me that I ‘...have personally impacted 2,327 searching souls...”

Camino Global is recruiting on-line Spanish speaking missionaries and our team, led by Scott and Ruth Yingling, continue developing online resources.

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Your partnership is so important to us. We are so grateful for all of you. Thank you for praying for us and for your love and encouragement.

In Christ,

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