

2013, what a year it has been! This year has brought us many good times, as well as, some hard times and challenges. We said our sorrowful goodbyes to one friend; had the honor to fervently pray for another friend; and we accomplished two successful trips abroad, to Bolivia and to Brazil. We have many things to reflect on from 2013 and great things to look forward to in the upcoming year. We are honored and grateful that God continues to allow us to be the hands and feet of His great plan.

Saying Goodbye to our sweet friend and MRI founder Tony McCarver was indeed a sorrowful time. We are thankful to have known Tony and blessed to continue his legacy of serving and growing Gods Kingdom. Tony's leadership and friendship are missed daily, however, we are thankful and joyful to know Tony is living an eternity with our Father in Heaven. A memorial service was held at Orange Hill Baptist Church, Tony and Marci's home church in Austell, Georgia, as well as, in Brazil on the Bible School property where we serve. Each service was a sweet celebration and reflection of Tony's life.

Another friend, Dr P, went through tremendous trials this year. MRI was able to provide encouragement, prayer and financial support to P, who was unjustly imprisoned for 48 days and held in the Santa Cruz State Penitentiary. The charges against him are false and corrupt. P is out of prison at this time as he awaits his trial. Please pray for justice and pray the Lord will intervene in a mighty and miraculous way. We pray the weight of the Lord press down heavy on the man that has brought these charges and false accusations. And we claim peace as we wait on the Lord to sort this out.

In 2013 MRI teams have traveled to Bolivia and Brazil with great news of two very successful trips. The first trip was to Bolivia. Our somewhat-of-a-small-team was able to make a very BIG impact in Bolivia. We were able to complete the interior and exterior painting of the church in Santiago, paint a mural in the sanctuary, and install doors to the back of the church. We had bible study, fellowship, and craft time with the women of the church, held VBS for the children, and established relationships with township of Santiago. The team also helped secure a plot of land and began construction for a new home, for a widow mother and her five children. Also, while in Bolivia we had a medical team that served in several of the villages providing much needed medical care, as well as mini-VBS activities for the children in those villages. God continues to amaze us as He shows us he is indeed in control of everything.

More great news, this time in regards to our second trip of the year, which was to Iranduba, Brazil. We were able to help support two great workers of the Kingdom, Wes and Trudy Seng. Again we had a wonderful time of creating relationships with the people of the community we served. Our team worked with the men, women and children of a new church in Iranduba. We were able to host bible studies, VBS activities, and crafts. We saw walls come down with the people in the community as hearts opened to the Lord and the strangers bringing His message. Another big accomplishment is that plans were secured to begin construction at the Bible School property. With a clear vision and solid plans, we can better prepare future teams as we move forward in obedience to our calling.

MRI wants to thank each of you for your praying for our team members. Nothing could or can be accomplished without your prayer and financial support. The generosity of our supporters has been wonderful, and we thank you for your impact on the Kingdom through giving and sharing.

As we step into 2014, please continue to pray for MRI as we are preparing for four trips this year. We need your prayer support as we plan, organize and work with churches around our community. Also pray that the Lord will teach us to recognize him in all things and that our lips will glorify Him.

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