

# Lampen Lines

March 2020

*You know the uneasy feeling inside the moment you take the plunge and make THE BIG declaration? You wonder, "How will people react?"*

In our last Lampen Lines we shared how God is leading us into new roles within World Gospel Mission and we wouldn't be truthful if we didn't admit we held our breath a bit wondering what your response would be. Thank you so much for your encouraging messages of support and affirmation! AND, we know you have lots of questions (and honestly, we may not have all the answers yet!) but we will try to provide some below.

**Q:** When will you leave Bolivia?

**A:** *On March 12<sup>th</sup> we fly back to the USA to begin a new adventure as we join the Member Health team to serve our WGM global workers in Europe and Asia. (Global workers is the new term for missionaries with WGM.)*



**Q:** When you leave Bolivia, are you retiring?



**A:** *Although you see more white hair, we've got a ways to go before retirement! We will be based out of Marion, Indiana, actively serving with World Gospel Mission as fulltime global workers.*

**Q:** Do you still need financial support?

**A:** *Yes, we do!*  
*In this new role, travel will be one of our biggest expenses as we come alongside our global workers and their ministry partners.*



# God Answers a 20 Year Old Prayer



Above: Pastor Pablo addresses the congregation. Anael, once Lori's Sunday School student, assists with the music.

At left: Pastor Eliseo and his wife, Doly, commissioned Pablo and his family the end of January as fulltime pastors in Yotaú where we served for many years.

Sometimes God answers, "Yes", other times He says, "No" and more often than we like, He responds, "Not yet." His working in our lives requires time. Time for us to mature spiritually, time to heal emotionally and sometimes time for us to grow up physically!

Pablo Cobb was a young boy when we first arrived in Ascención, Bolivia, in the early 1990s. He accompanied his father to our mission home to repair our old stove on more than one occasion. As we began to pray for a young family to live in the Yotaú church parsonage, Pablo was graduating from high school and enrolling in Berea Bible seminary. He and his wife served in a WGM church after his graduation and now returned to the rural Eastern part of Bolivia to accept the Lord's call to be fulltime pastors in Yotaú. What a joy to celebrate God's faithfulness in answering prayers as God calls us away from South America!

Join us in praying for Jorge (pictured below). He is in the final process of becoming a global worker with WGM and would actually be accepted to the Europe and Asia region where we will be serving! Currently he is studying English in Ireland where we plan to visit him perhaps in the fall of 2020.



At left: Spending one last evening giving practical tips for international travel, reminiscing, and praying with Jorge before he left for Ireland.

*Our next few months will be extremely busy. Please pray as we say goodbye to our dear friends here and as we transition into our new roles. There also appears to be a wedding in the planning for this summer which will be a big event for our family. More than anything else, ask God to make us like Himself so we can effectively serve those He places in our paths.*

*As we transition into the role of Area Member Health Leaders for Europe and Asia, God continues to confirm again and again that we are walking in His will. We cannot express enough how much your partnership means to us as together we choose to serve Him and make Him known.*

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