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Processing my brothers death

Teach us to number our days



An update from Bob and Carol Givens – January – March 2025

Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Ps 90:12



Feb 5th we said our final goodbyes to my second oldest brother, Paul.

And now there are 4 brothers remaining from our original 6.



<https://www.finkenbinderfamily.com/obituary/Paul-Givens?>

Paul left an indelible mark on our lives. He was a kind man with a sensitive heart for people. He was a friend and mentor in many areas. He will be greatly missed.

Since August we walked along side Paul through his fight with cancer. We have had to think a lot about the stages and phases of our own lives as well. The choices we made to serve as cross cultural servants took us away from spending lots of time with immediate family, yet the Lord gave us loving relationships in Costa Rica, Bolivia and Paraguay that became like family to us. The Gospel was proclaimed and lived out and churches were strengthened. Discovery Bible studies helped folks get to know the Lord Jesus in a personal way. What a privilege these years of service have been.

“And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or property, for my sake, will receive a hundred times as much in return and will inherit eternal life.” Matt. 19:29

The call of God in our lives has remained firm through each stage and phase of life. The Lord has used us to lift up His name and fame and we are so grateful to the team that the Lord has brought around us. You supported us through your prayers, words of encouragement and financial support.

We were convinced that the Great Commission was not the Great Option so we **Obeyed and Went**. Many of you **Obeyed and Sent!** Thank you.

“From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’ ”
Acts 17:26-28



We continue to encourage and mentor others. We are so thankful for the recent news of Javier and Roxana’s continued ministry with **Perspectives** and now a Bolivian Missionary Mobilization organization called, **Open**.

We are privileged to continue offering hospitality here in our home in Richfield. One of our greatest joys is hosting a Life Group two times per month for a meal, fellowship, Bible study and prayer time.

We just wanted to keep touch so you can be praying for us as we continue serving the Lord.

- Pray for Paul's widow, Elaine as she adjusts to this radical change in her life.
- Pray for us as we too establish a new normal without our brother Paul.
- Pray for Javier and Roxana as they serve with Perspectives and Open mobilizing Bolivians to be world Christians.

Hugs from us both,

Bob and Carol

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