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Comforted to comfort others

We walked through a crisis with the Zubieta family



## Comforted, to comfort others

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 2 Cor. 4: 3-4

This summer is a busy one here at the hospitality center in Richfield. One of the greatest privileges has been to host our dear friends, and spiritual son in the faith, Javier Zubieta, his wife Roxana and their son Santiago.

So many of you walked through a radical transition with us during our missionary career. We now have the privilege to do the same with our dear friends, the Zubietas.

Javier came to faith through our Salt and Light Exchange program in Bolivia, 1989-1990. We have tracked with Javier through his studies at Word of Life Bible Institute in Argentina and on through his wedding to Roxana and their 10 years of ministry in youth evangelism and discipleship with Word of Life in Bolivia. We were excited to hear of their internship with SIM in Charlotte and then to hear that they joined the SIM/MAE team in Bolivia. They served faithfully over the last 20 years as missionaries on the SIM Bolivia.

Recently their major focus has been the Perspectives movement in Bolivia. They help awake the Bolivian church to their role in World missions. They came to the states for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Perspectives in the World Christian Movement. (Pictured in the Banner at the top of this letter.)

During our time together a very difficult family decision was made to resign from the SIM/MAE team for personal family reasons. Through many tears and prayers we were able to accompany the Zubietas in thinking through the next steps in ministry. Lord willing they will be dedicating more of their time to the Perspectives ministry in Bolivia and will continue working in evangelism and discipleship under the authority of their local church.

We admire their desire to fulfill the Lord's call in their lives. We are committed to continue to support them as they continue to make a difference in a very broken world. We might have a different role at this stage in our lives but the Lord continues to use us to advance the message of the Gospel around the world.

Thanks for being part of our support team. Your prayers and gifts are deeply appreciated.

Hugs,

*Bob and Carol*

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