The Jolleys

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Dear Prayer Partners

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."
– Revelation 7:9-10

During the week of August 9-12, Ken had the privilege of connecting online with brothers and sisters in Christ from many nations, languages and peoples. I do not know if you have ever had that kind of experience, particularly when most of the participants are not westerners, but it is sacred. To connect with people who you really do not know personally, nor because of cultural diversity, understand fully, and yet feel a oneness of family with them because we share the same passion for God and His kingdom in our world is truly a holy moment. It is the kind of experience that for Ken says, "if this is what heaven is going to be like, then I am ready Lord."

Ken was invited to participate in the Global Development Consultation of Simply Mobilizing because of his experience in seeing the Kairos program traslated and promoted in Latin America, and in his current role as spanish language coordinater for Simply Mobilizing resources in Canada and assisting the USA in using the spanish resources there. Simply Mobilizing (SM) is about serving local churches to discover and develop their role in being on mission with God. (www.simplymobilizing.com).

While the use of these resources is growing throughout Latin America, in the Carribean not so much. Initally the Carribean was placed under the regional oversight of Latin American. However the reality is that the Carribean is a fussion of cultures and languages, with each island having its own unique identity. Part of the consultation affirmed that rather than being under the oversight of Latin America, where spanish is dominate, that the region could better be served by North America. Indeed, this was already taking place, as God has been moving SM alumni in Canada to serve Carribean churches in english, french, spanish, criole and other language dialects. As a result of the consultation, Ken has accepted an invitation to be part of a regional team that would seek to not only launch SM resources in the Carribean, but also establish volunteer teams in each of these countries who take responsibility for the growth and development of the resources locally. Interestingly enough, through the influence of Venezuelan course alumni who are now living in Curazao, Ken has responded to a request from Curazao about Simply Moblizing and has begun a conversation about how to best see the resources used in this nation.

In this we appreciate your prayers for:

- Connecting with the right people in each nation. This is about a renewal movement of God, as He empowers His church to be on mission with Him. Connecting with the right people is key.
- Wisdom and grace in each encounter, that we might always be humble with sensitivity to the uniqueness of each cultural reality.

- Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit as we equip and empower others in other places. Often there are unique challenges which require flexible and unique creative solutions.

We also appreciate your continued prayers for:

- Ken as he mentors Immerse students in Colombia, S.A. (Daniel, Omar, Ronald, Yaneth, Wilcar). Yaneth and Wilcar are now in the final stretch of this 4 year program.
- New contacts who are being trained in using God's word in how to disciple others (Franklin, Oriana, Begoña, Maria Rosa). This is the fruit of disciples who are making disciples.
- Wisdom and grace as Ken walks with many servants, mentoring in the areas of biblical interpretation, relational and church health, and disciple making movements. The most important thing is that the Holy Spirit shows up in each relational encounter.
- Interim preaching at Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church in Lion's Head, ON as their pastor, Gerald DeWitt takes a 3 month sabbatical (August-October). Ken will not be preaching every Sunday, but upon the direction of the board has been asked to help coach others in the congregation to preach as well. So as a congregation we are walking through 1 John with different individuals taking different sections and Ken is filling in the gaps.
- A deficit in our monthly support.

Our hearts are full of gratitud for your partnership in our labour in God's kingdom. Seeing people from every language, tribe, and nation become citizens of God's kingdom is what continues to drive us to keep on empowering and encouraging God's people to live as those who make God and His kingdom known in our world. Thank you for enabling us to be able to serve on your behalf in these areas.

Your partners in the gospel of the kingdom,

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