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Barbara

This time of quarantine brings challenges for all of us. Yet, God also gives many opportunities. The most relevant opportunity is an extended amount of time to work with Sarah Nash, IM Global Servant in Bolivia. Sarah and I have been spending 2 hours together via Zoom, five days a week, for the past couple of months, going through the Girls' Clubs curriculum, contextualizing the language and content for girls in Bolivia.



This has been an amazing experience to get to know my outstanding colleague and for her to gain an in-depth understanding of the *Talita-Cumi*

Girls' Clubs program, and plan for its implementation in Bolivia. We plan to start a training program with leaders in Bolivia in November, launching our pilot project in March 2021. We hold these plans loosely, putting them firmly in God's hands and forging ahead, knowing that He will open the way in His perfect time.

The other day I had the privilege of taking part in a birthday party Zoom call for our dear friend and colleague, Joyce Reed, along with other colleagues. As we all shared about our work, noting that many of us are working on advanced degrees in

order to enhance our work, we realized how much we all have in common, and that our work and studies intersect in important ways. Please pray for us as we continue in conversations, that God will show us ways to unite our efforts and be more effective for the mission of God as we minister alongside our national partners to those who are most vulnerable among us.

Dwight

I was planning a return trip to Nicaragua in March, just as the COVID-19 pandemic was ramping up. The virus was not in Nicaragua, yet. By the time of my travel date, however, tentative plans became clearly inadvisable, and I postponed the trip indefinitely.

It was to be a follow-up to my trip in January, when I went to Guatemala, El Salvador, and Nicaragua, with my colleague, Ricardo Mayol, IM Regional Consultant. Ricardo is coordinating the *Water for All* project.

My mustard-seed role is to introduce Rainwater Harvesting and train people to install demonstration systems that can be replicated, to give people greater autonomy and control of their water resources.

In Nicaragua we met with CEPAD (Council of Protestant Churches of Nicaragua).



Meanwhile, Central America is reeling from the spread of COVID-19. These countries are under stricter restrictions and curfews than we are, so they cannot visit rural sites. We use Zoom for conference calls, for training and planning purposes. I did one training session with them online on rainwater harvesting.

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