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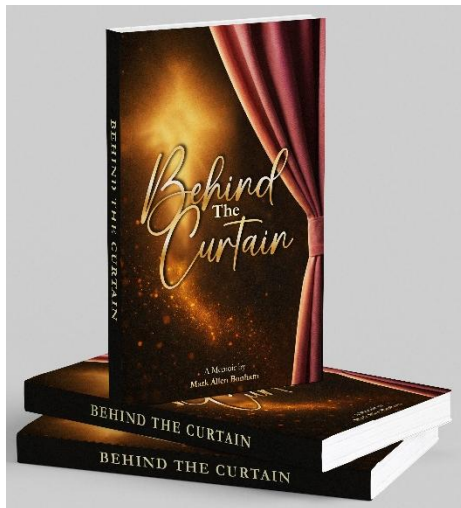
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Greetings Dear Friend,

I'm writing this on tax day. I hope you are resting contentedly and waiting for a refund. If not, I hope our news will encourage you!

First, an update on Mary. For the third time her scan has shown no progression in her cancer. We believe prayer and medicine are a powerful combination. The holding pattern keeps us aware of how dependent we are on God for every part of life. *"For in him we live and move and have our being."* Acts 17:28

It is the moving part that is difficult for Mary. Arthritis pain is always present and often severe, affecting her ability to walk unaided. A cane has become her constant companion, and cortisone shots have helped. Still, Mary rarely complains and is grateful for what she is able to do.



My book is progressing through the phases of line editing, copy editing, and proofreading. How fast this moves along is largely up to me. I am receiving publishing help and, when we launch, it will be available on five platforms, including Amazon and Barnes and Noble. I anticipate it will be available by mid to late summer.

*Behind the Curtain* gives insight into our fifty years of ministry on three continents and lessons we've learned along the way. I look forward to being able to share this with you as a valued partner in this ministry.

I am greatly encouraged with the way Loving Well is taking off in the Spanish speaking world. Luis and Antonella have been co-leading with Carlos and Chelita. Now they are leading their own group in Argentina (see below).



Similarly, Juan Carlos and Claudia are actively working with couples and leading groups in Bolivia. Wally and Karen are doing the same in Phoenix. And we have a newer couple in Peru interested in training to lead Loving Well.

Carlos and Juan Carlos have expressed a need to continue to train all current leaders in the theology and science behind the material, as well as in the dynamics of group leading. To meet this need we are taking steps to offer training in Medellin, Colombia in mid October. We will take eight couples that are committed to leading from the above countries and spend six days together. Investing in and equipping these couples is the best way I know to see groups like the one above multiply all over South America.

**But to do this, we need your help.** It costs an average of \$1,000 per person to fly in, supply food and lodging, and return home. We need partners who can help pay for a \$750 plane ticket, or \$350 for food and lodging for one person (or \$600 for a couple). If you can help supply one day of food and lodging for \$50 (or \$100 for a couple), we can make this critical training event happen. Our total budget is \$17,000. (Note: The average monthly income is \$700 - \$1,200 per month).

Checks to Shepherd's Heart, with the Loving Well Project on the memo line, can be sent to our office below. For online donations go to: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/loving-well-project> . Equipping these leaders who are already sold on Loving Well is certainly a valuable investment. Thanks for prayerfully considering this!

Gratefully in Christ,

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