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Update from the Bonhams

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Dear Ministry Partner,

I want to begin by saying how grateful I am for you. Your encouragement, prayers, and generosity are helping make it possible for us to provide leader training for those who will facilitate Loving Well marriage groups in South America and beyond. We have now reached 63% of our \$17,000 goal for the October training in Colombia, which means we have \$6,350 left to raise. Every gift is a meaningful reminder that we are not carrying this vision alone.

What has encouraged me most is not only the financial progress, but the people God is bringing together. These are couples and leaders who already carry a deep love for families, churches, and their communities. As I think about each one of them, I am reminded again why this training matters so much.

Carlos and Chelita are full-time missionaries in Argentina. They worked for 14 years with Cru and serve on the missionary care team for LETRA, an Argentine ministry associated with the Wycliffe Global Alliance. They also serve as Shepherd's Heart mission associates.

Luis and Antonella are full-time biblical counselors with La Casa de la Gracia, where they walk alongside couples, offering care and support that reflects God's love.

Matias and Mariela lead the married couples ministry at their church in Tucumán, Argentina. They have personally experienced the benefits of Loving Well and want to be equipped to use it in their church.

Juan Carlos and Claudia pastor a local church in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. They recognize that the healing in their own marriage story can help bring healing to other marriages. They are leading the Loving Well ministry in their community.

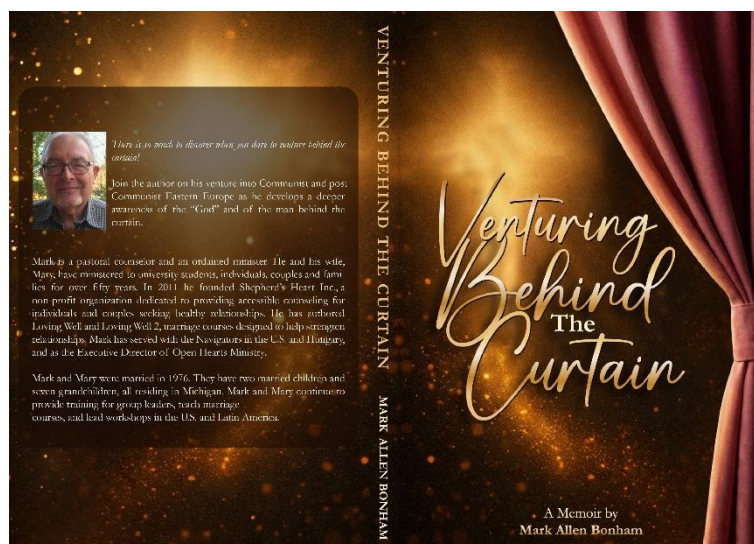
Pavel and Fatima are biblical counselors who have served for more than 15 years at El Alfarero, a counseling center for youth and families in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

Christian and Paola live in Phoenix, Arizona, where Christian serves at Phoenix Seminary as the Hispanic Studies Director and as a professor in the Leadership Certificate program. They also pastor the Hispanic ministry at Desert Springs Community Church. Christian has a degree in family counseling, and they are originally from Ecuador.

Beth Wright has agreed to come as my interpreter. She translated Loving Well and has led the Open Hearts ministry in South America. Beth and her husband, Paul, have served for many years with Avant, a

Christian mission in Argentina and a dozen other Latin American countries, focused on training church planters.

When I look at this group, I feel both humbled and hopeful. Each person coming to the training represents marriages, families, churches, and communities that can be strengthened through godly relationships and the advance of the gospel. Thank you for standing with us in this work. Your partnership is helping open the door for healing, discipleship, and Christ-centered relationships to take root in places far beyond what any of us could do alone.



Another thing I am excited about: I have completed my memoir, *Venturing Behind the Curtain*! It should be available on Amazon by the end of the summer, and I will let you know as soon as it can be ordered. I would be grateful for any endorsement you feel led to share. This has been a huge undertaking, and I am thankful that it is now in the final stage.

Family Update: Mary continues to receive treatment for stage 4 cancer, and it appears to be effective. Recent screenings

still show cancer present, but it appears to be dormant. The treatment has taken a toll on Mary's energy and mobility, but we are deeply grateful for this reprieve.

Marci will be leading a group of women on a trip to Peru in July through her nonprofit, "Wander Beyond". She takes women on backpacking adventures, and it never ceases to amaze me what she has planned for the next destination.

Matt is serving as Children's Director at a church in Cass City and is also working with kids at a Christian camp. He has a great heart for helping children know Christ, and he serves sacrificially.

Would you consider helping us reach our goal? Checks made payable to Shepherd's Heart, with Loving Well Project on the memo line, can be sent to our office below. Online donations can be made at the link listed in this letter. Equipping these leaders, who are already committed to Loving Well, is a valuable investment in marriages, families, and churches. Thank you for prayerfully considering being part of it.

Gratefully in Christ,

Mark and Mary Bonham

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