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Dear Friends,

We know Christmas is coming because the windows are open, and it's warm, something that we still are not use to.

It has been a busy year, and we would like to bring you up to date with what has been happening.

This year the Bible Seminary has reached some records. God has blessed us with the most students ever in our day program (90) and in our evening program (40). Because of this I had to spend more time grading term papers. In addition we had the biggest graduating class ever. There were 30 degrees given out to 27 students. Thankfully we expect about 12 of them to return next year to work on more advanced degrees.



In the Master's Program we hit another milestone with fifteen students in the modular class last January. This is also the most we have had, and it is the magic number that SETECA has wanted us to have as a minimum number of students. This January 9-20 we have a good possibility of having even more in the modular class. *Please pray that God would let us achieve that.*

The Seminary has also applied to enter into an accreditation process. Just to apply we have to get together a lot of information for them. They have since asked us more questions, which we are in the process of responding to. *Pray that our answers will satisfy them, and we will be accepted to begin the actual accreditation process.* It should take two to three years.

Ann has been busy with a number of different responsibilities. In the process of becoming independent from SIM, Mosoj Chaski has been granted its own legal identity. However, since the Bolivian government has rewritten their communication laws, we have to wait until those laws are defined before the radio licence can be transferred from the mission to the station. So things are on hold at the moment.

Ann has also continued to help other project/ministries as they too move towards becoming independent of SIM. She is helping strengthen their boards, administrations and finances. She enjoys the work, although there are constant complications and challenges and finds that progress is slow. *Please pray that we will make steady progress in this area.*

In June we went to the US for five weeks for Ann to update her paperwork for US immigration. During our time there Mike and Amanda were able to make a quick visit to Canada, Amanda had eight wisdom teeth removed, and we were visited Mike's family. We also enjoyed some time with friend in Waseca.

Amanda is now 16 years old and taller than Ann, but not taller than Mike. She was the goalie on her undefeated soccer team at school. *Please pray for her as she interacts with other teenagers that the Lord will help her take a strong Christian stand.*

Next year we are going to Wales for a short home assignment during the summer to visit friends and family.

God has been good in that for a number of years we did not have to raise any more support. But that is not to be the case any more. *Please pray that God would provide another \$450 (£300) per month in support for us or in one-time gifts.*



We send out monthly updates and are conscious that you may not be getting these. If you know of someone who would like to receive our updates in order to print them out for you, we would be willing to send them. Just have them requesting our updates (mike.wheeler@sim.org).

Still Trusting,

Merry Christmas

Mike, Ann & Amanda