

Update about Beryl Baker in the Paraguayan Chaco, June 2008

Dear praying friends and supporters of Beryl,

I have been greatly encouraged by the response to the increased frequency of news from Beryl, and pleased at the number of people who found the "Beryl - who's who and what's what" article helpful. I keep in mind that there is an "opportunity cost" of these communications, for the time that Beryl spends in sending them means less time to attend to the patients. Hence it's important to make use of the information to inform our prayer life.

Beryl has given me permission for any material that she sends to be further sent out if it serves to help her cause, and thereby help the needy people of the Chaco. She has written in a recent letter of the threats to her life. We have never known her to speak in such a way before, and although she concluded that such threats were without foundation, we must all be aware of the hazardous nature of her calling.

Furthermore Beryl has asked (yesterday) prominently for prayer for herself. This is also unusual, for she normally draws attention to people whom she knows. She, in this respect, thinks aloud in her recent letter to us; "the Spirit alone gives eternal life, while human effort accomplishes nothing. This applies to eternal life and to physical healing. We do all that is humanly possible to cure someone, but unless the Lord intervenes, these efforts may be futile".

New Health Promoters are required for the community of La Patria and Beryl hopes that they will attend the next formal training course, which lasts five days. Road conditions will be the main factor in whether they can get together, because of the rain.

The identity of the new Bishop will have been confirmed on May 31st.

The wider publication of Beryl's activities has also resulted in more interest in her work, with new supporters and an enquiry about spending a whole year (2010) with Beryl. These are very important matters to decide upon and I hope that you will pray to seek the Lord's plan for Beryl.

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