

Dear Praying Friends,

My grandparents had a saying for times when a project or situation was in progress. They called it “betwixt and between”. Well I feel a bit like “betwixt and between” right now as my ministry in Colombia is drawing to a close and I prepare for a new adventure in ministry as I arrive and settle in Twin Falls, Idaho. This has been a time of reflection over what God has done in these past 38 years that He has given me in this beautiful country, as well as anticipation of the new things the Lord has for me in the States where I plan to arrive in July of this year. It is so good to know that He puts His people in exactly the place where they should be for precisely the time He wants them there.

As I look back over the varied ministries He has given me in Colombia: pre-evangelism in a brand new area, Bible Institute teacher, Christian Education trainer, conference speaker, counselor, Bible study leader, and author of Bible study courses for children and adults, I feel deep gratitude for His faithfulness and satisfaction for the people who’s lives have been changed through these activities. As I look forward to new ministry opportunities in Idaho, I’m excited about the possibilities and eager to get to know the people there. It will be especially good to have a closer relationship with my family, as we encourage one another in the Lord.

This month I finished the last writing project I plan to do in Colombia. This is a course of study on Revelation, “El Triunfo Final” (The Final Triumph). The first lessons have already been used in study groups, and a number of people have commented on how much better they understand the book, and changes in their lives as they begin to obey its precepts. During my last two months in Colombia, I hope to edit and refine several of the previous studies, getting them ready for publication. A book for young teens “¿Quién Soy?” (Who am I?) is scheduled to come into print in the near future. I hope it will be available before I leave.

Another project I’m involved with right now is sorting through “stuff” to sell, give away, or take with me. I’m in a continuous “yard sale” as I go through drawers and cupboards, getting ready to leave. A big thing has been sorting through books and deciding which ones to ship back to the States. Reference books, commentaries, etc. are a big part of my writing ministry, so will need to keep a good number of these. I plan to continue writing at least until the end of next year, and probably longer as the Lord gives me the ability. The publisher here in Colombia has expressed a desire to bring all the books I’ve written into print (there are 21 so far, not counting the 36 books of Bible lessons for children). Getting all those manuscripts ready for print will take quite a bit of editing. I also have plans for several other courses in Spanish, and may branch into English if there seems to be a need. I will be associated with The Evangelical Alliance Mission through the end of 2010 as full time missionary, and then plan to retire from official missionary service, but of course, I won’t be retiring from God or from what He wants me to do.

I plan to arrive in the States on July 8, 2009, to begin a four month Home Assignment. I hope to see all of the faithful people who have supported me in prayer and financially through the years. I am now in the process of setting up my stateside itinerary, and would appreciate hearing from you if you would like a visit.

During the month of October I'll be at my home church in Watsonville, California. The months of August, September and, if necessary November, are available. The best way to contact me is through email, since regular mail to Colombia is chancy at best. My email addresses are: [seifersue@gmail.com](mailto:seifersue@gmail.com) and [seifersue@yahoo.com](mailto:seifersue@yahoo.com) Either of these should reach me, but if you don't get a response right away, please try again, since some mail does get lost.

Here are some things you can pray with me about if the Lord brings them to your mind:

- Over the years the Lord has blessed me with many close friendships, and parting is difficult for both them and me. Please pray that these friends, many of whom I've led to the Lord, will look to Christ to meet their needs, and will continue to grow in Him. Pray that my departure will be a positive step in their spiritual lives as they learn to depend and lean on the Lord, and not on a fallible human guide. Also pray for Jorge Pinzón, a pastor who will be continuing one of the Bible study groups which has met in my home.
- Pray for the nitty-gritty details of getting things ready to leave, sale of this apartment, shipping books and other things, and settlement in Twin Falls. The Lord has promised to be with us in all the details of life.
- Pray for the direction of the Lord as I visit supporting churches and friends there in the States, and share some of what He has done in recent years. I want to be a blessing to you, even as you have been to me.

Praising God for you,  
Sue Seiferling (Serving in Colombia with The Evangelical Alliance Mission)