

Dear Pacesetter Partners,

As COVID-19 continues to humble us in our ministry efforts, we have no choice but to look up and outward as God directs our paths. It has caused us to reevaluate how we minister, and refocus in directions of ministry we had not put a lot of focus on previously. Zoom has been, for some time, a way many for us to hold conference calls among staff and friends, but now it has become a main catalyst for ministry over the last few months.

We continue to expand the use of Zoom in gathering teachers for training. It has become a helpful link for listening to their difficulties and sharing with each other in breakout sessions.

They too are seeing the benefits that this kind of communication can bring to bear on their anxieties with isolation. More than 300 teachers have participated on these call in Ecuador. In May and June, we discussed topics such as “Managing Stress in a Changing Educational Environment” and “Understanding Joy Stealers.”

Teachers have shared some encouraging feed back:

- **Wendy**—*It is good to have this meeting and to be able to share experiences. Infinite thanks for every word.*
- **Sonia**—*Excellent, enriching dialogue*
- **Olinda**—*Thank you for the invitation and for this space to share ideas and moments in this stage of quarantine and virtual activities—a hug and blessings for all of us.*
- **Sonia**—*I loved the talk. I felt very happy to know that there are people who want to help us and care about our situation that the teachers are living in today. Thank you, dear friends.*

The most encouraging aspect is they continue to form **Whats App** groups and to communicate with each other during the week. This is also happening in other countries where the Internet is strong enough to pull teachers into a ZOOM meeting. We had a large group in Guatemala meet this past week, as well as in Russian and Ukraine.

Thank you for your prayers and support as we reach out to teachers around the world in the midst of this pandemic.

*Bob Wilson*

