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WHAT'S ALL THE BUZZ ABOUT?

Thank you for your faithful prayers and financial support. The confidence you place in EMU International and our missionaries is not something that we take lightly. We view you as not just a donor, but a ministry partner. Paul considered those in Philippi who gave to his ministry as more than just financial partners. He saw himself as an extension of the church, carrying out their ministry to advance the gospel beyond their borders. *Philippians 4:17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.* As we celebrate God's work among the nations, specifically His blessings upon our ministries in the USA, Mexico, Peru, Chile, Uruguay, France, Croatia, India, Cambodia, and the 10-40 Window, we want you to know how important you are and that none of this could take place without you, your faithful prayers and financial support.

My heart is filled with gratitude to God as I sit here composing this letter. Today is April 30, a significant date in history. On this date in 1993, the World Wide Web was launched in the public domain. Ironically, I would not have known that if I hadn't read it on the internet. On this date in 1789, in front of 10,000 spectators, George Washington was sworn in as the first American president and delivered the first inaugural speech at Federal Hall in New York City. Fourteen years later on April 30, 1803, under the leadership of President Thomas Jefferson, Robert Livingston and James Monroe agreed to purchase from

France 828,000 square miles of land west of the Mississippi River for \$15 million, roughly 4 cents an acre, doubling the size of the United States.

Another unique event was transpiring at the same time. The USA was full of cicadas. Two different broods emerged in the same year. Brood XIX emerges every 13 years throughout parts of the southeast and parts of the Midwest. Brood XIII emerges every 17 years in the Midwest. So, every 221 years it lines up where they emerge the same year. Add 221 years to the year 1803 and we find ourselves facing the prospects of billions of cicadas emerging simultaneously in what some entomologists and journalists have labeled as a "cicadapocalypse." It wouldn't surprise me to hear some people comparing this event to the plague of locusts we read of in Exodus. The only real danger we face will be the noise, which some experts say may reach 100 decibels, roughly the sound of a jackhammer. The bugs themselves are harmless. As I asked Google, "What's all the buzz about," I found myself spending way too much time on articles and videos describing this rare event. A thought struck me though, as I considered God's purpose for the cicadas. It blows me away when I consider a creature that spends the majority of its life in darkness, buried away from the light of day, its entire above-the-surface-of-the-earth existence is 17 years in the making.

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Once it emerges, it has but a short time to sing its song, mate, and lay the foundation for the next generation before it passes away. The cicada's lifespan above ground is brief, sometimes just a few weeks. *James 4:14* reminds us that our lives are just "a vapor, that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away..." Like the cicada, our lives are but a vapor, a fleeting melody that can be heard for only a moment before it fades away. They are not without purpose, even while hidden under the ground. The cicada's song may last for just a season, yet its impact endures. Similarly, your support may seem like a momentary act, yet its effects ripple through eternity, touching lives and hearts in ways that will be remembered long after. Thank you for being a part of this partnership. Together, we are making a difference, one life at a time.

We have two special needs that we need to mention. Maybe you can help.

(1) Missionaries **Kornel and Tanja Crnković** are traveling to the USA for a short furlough. I am helping them put together their itinerary. They will be here **July 8-August 19**. We have a few Wednesday nights that are open for services. Let us know if you are interested.



Their biggest need right now is **transportation** while in the States. If you or someone you know has a vehicle that they could use while here, please let us know.

(2) **Rick Jensen** is planning another work trip to Uruguay for **August 10-17**. If you or someone you know would like more information on this trip to serve at Camp Emmanuel, please let me know. You can email me at jeff@emuinternational.org or call me at (864) 617-7156.



We NEED PARTNERS

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Attention Pastors

I am currently planning my calendar for 2024. In addition to traveling and visiting the EMU International missionaries on their various fields of service, I have had the privilege of preaching in Christian School chapels, Pastors' Fellowships, at Christian Camps, Missions Conferences, Revival Meetings, and Family Conferences. I am also available for single meetings to promote the work of EMU International. Contact me if you are interested in me visiting your church.

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PRAYER CORNER

- Many people don't realize that Joanna and I are supported like other missionaries and need churches and friends who will partner with us monthly. Please pray with us that God would raise an army of ministry partners who will help hold the rope for us by supporting us financially and through prayer.
- We are also praying about a new travel vehicle. God blessed us last year with a used van for us to drive around town. We need something more reliable though for my travels. Our 2011 Toyota Camry has been an excellent vehicle but it is approaching 250,000 miles.
- Continue to pray for healing for Joanna's hip. She injured it a few years ago. She was recently told by a doctor that she has arthritis and that she is a candidate for having it replaced. That is tough for someone as athletic as she is to hear. She does not want to have surgery, so we are praying for healing.
- Pray for God to grant wisdom as EMU International moves forward in the days ahead. We are praying that the Lord of the Harvest will send laborers into His harvest and we desire to be a part of His plan.
- By God's grace, each of our four children's families is serving the Lord in full-time ministry. Pray that God will bless their ministries and sustain them through the many joys and trials that accompany their calling.