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Dear Friends:

In mid-January we notified you that long time Colombian Mennonite church worker, Ricardo Esquivia, was under threat of detainment by government leaders in Colombia. We asked you to appeal to government leaders on Ricardo's behalf. On February 6, we received the following message from Ricardo (translated by Jack Suderman):

Dear Friends,

I send you warm greetings and thanks.

Perhaps you do not even imagine the impact that your work is having on the Colombian governmental officials. The international response has been great. In the High Commissioner for Peace's office they told us that we were "mobilizing the world." Thanks to you, friends, for having created and maintained this environment of international protection. Everyday I am more convinced that the only possible security for a human rights and peace worker is community.

Thanks and may the God of Life continue to bless you.

With affection and gratitude,

Ricardo Esquivia

Thanks be to God, and thank-you all for your support and prayers. This is a sign of progress. The threat may have subsided, but it is not over. Your continued prayer support for Ricardo and the Colombian Mennonite Church is important.

Sincerely,

Jack Suderman
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