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Dear Praying Friends,

Continued Contact With Bolivia

We continue to stay in contact with the people of Bolivia, calling them periodically to talk, find out how they are doing, pray for them, counsel them, etc. Every Sunday and Wednesday, I have the privilege of sending a message to now over 50 different WhatsApp numbers. And I have been getting some good responses, even from those who usually would not attend the services. Please pray that God would give me wisdom in knowing what to preach, how to counsel them, and how to reach them with the gospel. We love them very much. They are like our family, albeit many of them our unsaved family. And we pray that God would work in their hearts, as they listen privately to the messages (without fear of others), to accept the truth that they hear, so that they might become true “family” members.

Personal Prayer Requests in Bolivia

First, please continue to pray for Igor (about 62), who had the massive stroke. He is recovering, but keeps having complications. Most recently, they found that nerves in his eye were damaged, causing blurry vision. He got really sick recently, and his wife (Estela) had to return him to the hospital in Santa Cruz. Estela has been responding to some of the messages. Both she and Igor are not saved. Please pray that they will understand and accept Christ as their personal Savior. Also, please pray for their grandchildren, Marcelo and Victor (good friends with my son Daniel), that they too would trust Christ as their Savior. Second, Xavier (a friend of mine who drives the ambulance) has recovered nicely from his gall bladder surgery. But, of course, his most important need is the one for salvation. His wife and children came periodically to the services when we were there, he listened to me when we spoke as friends, and they receive the messages on WhatsApp. Please pray that they would trust Christ as their Savior. Third, I have not heard from the young man in legal trouble. Last I spoke with him, he was still in jail. Please pray that he would be set free both physically and spiritually. He has heard the gospel many times, from our regular services, personally witnessing to him, different camps and retreats, etc. Fourth, Susana faithfully attended our church while she periodically took care of her widowed mother (Uberlinda) in Valle Abajo and returned to care for her husband (Marcos) in Santa Cruz, who struggled with cancer. Her sister (Beki) took over for her to live with and care for her mother, and Susana stayed full-time to care for her husband. He passed away in July in only his early 60s. He was saved, as are all the family. We have known them for all these 14 years, and it breaks our heart to know that they are hurting, and that we cannot be there with them. Please pray for God’s peace for them, and that God would use this to bring people to salvation. Also, please pray that they would be able to pay back the costs, such as the hospital and funeral costs. We have tried to help them a little already. Fifth, please pray for “Lia” (Amelia), a 20-year-old daughter of some former co-workers, that we have known since she was about 5–6-years-old. While living stateside with her grandparents, she had an accident that threw her into the path of an oncoming semi that smashed the passenger side of her car. She had surgery to care for bleeding on the brain, was in a medically induced coma and on a breathing machine. Later, she was given a tracheotomy and antibiotics for an

infection. She is recovering, had the tracheotomy removed, was able to walk with help, and is now in rehab to get stronger. She still has many complications to overcome, but she is progressing well. For those who did know and were praying, we thank you. We ask that all of you would continue to pray for her continued recovery.

Winter Camp in Vallegrande

The Winter Retreat in Vallegrande (in July) went very well, among the several churches that combined to have it. I do not know exactly what decisions were made, but that there were decisions made. We praise the Lord for His protection and giving the kids a good time. But, more importantly, we praise the Lord for His working in their hearts, and pray that these decisions would last.

Countrywide Turmoil/Upcoming Elections

Bolivia had their presidential election on August 17, and they were firm in their rejection of the socialists. But the elections aren't over yet, as the two biggest vote getters will go to a second round of voting on October 19. There are stories and concerns about the candidates. Please pray that we get what we need, and not what we deserve. Please also pray that each candidate is who they say they are, and that the former government doesn't find a backdoor into the presidency. The country is still going through turmoil, with the economy a mess and no fuel in many areas for up to 3 days. Whoever wins the presidency will inherit a mess. But the Bolivian people are hopeful that they can recover under new leadership. Pray that God's will would be done. He always knows what is the best.

Church Ministries in the States

Praise the Lord that the all-day fishing ministry was a great success. Tons of people came and had a wonderful time, heard a clear presentation of the gospel, were introduced to our church, and many trusted Christ as their Savior. Please pray that those connections would continue to bear fruit. Also, Bolivia Day in our Junior Church was a great success. We introduced the kids to Bolivia and clearly shared God's Word with them. They really seemed to enjoy it. And only God knows what impact was made. Maybe one of them will be a future missionary. Finally, we have our own church's missions conference October 4-8. Please pray that we would properly minister to the people, that God would move in the hearts of many to do all they can for reaching the lost, and that God might see fit to call others into His service. The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few.

Furlough Plans/Meetings

We have already had some meetings with supporting churches, and have scheduled many more. We are still trying to set up additional meetings, mostly starting in January. My new stateside number is (937) 541-1790. Because of inflation, supporting pastors/churches passing away, etc., we are looking for additional meetings/support. Please pray for wisdom, safety, connection, etc. as we contact, meet up with, and travel. We praise the Lord for your absolutely essential prayers for us. And we look forward to seeing many of you soon. And may God bless you all for your faithfulness both to Him and to us as your fellow-servants.

In Christ,

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