

# THE MCKINNEY FAMILY

## MISSIONARIES TO BOLIVIA SOUTH AMERICA

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Dear Prayer Partners and Supporters,

We are thrilled to be writing our first prayer letter from Bolivia! For those who were not able to see our email update, we had to move up our departure and we arrived in Santa Cruz on March 18. We made it in just one day before Bolivia's borders closed due to the COVID-19 outbreak. We are so thankful to be here and for all of your prayers during this transition.

Just three days after we arrived, the country began a nationwide lock down. With the help of the Murray family (the missionaries we are currently working under), we were able to get a few necessities for our house before things shut down. For the past 5 weeks, no one has been allowed to leave their home with the exception of grocery shopping on a specified day of the week according to their government ID number. Cars are not allowed unless you have special permission, so we have been walking over a mile each way to the grocery store and carrying back a week's worth of food. It has been quite an adjustment, but God has provided what we have needed every step of the way! Please pray for Bolivia as this has been a difficult time for the country. Many are struggling just to feed their families and if the lockdown continues to get extended here, that could get much more difficult in the days ahead.

God has already answered our prayer that we would be able to minister in some way to those around us even with the current lockdown. In early April, Robert Murray contacted us with an opportunity to reach out to the police officers of Santa Cruz. Through Adalid Pardo, a national pastor here, the door was opened to supply different local departments with bags containing masks, sanitizer, bottled water, and a Bible. We have been able to be involved in putting together the bags and helping distribute them to the officers. It is so exciting that God is already allowing us to have a part in sharing His love with those here in Bolivia. Please pray that we'll be able to begin our residency paperwork and language study as the quarantine begins to lift.

Your servants for Christ's sake,

**The McKinney Family**

*Missionaries to Bolivia*

### Prayer Requests

- Language progress
- Paperwork started
- Bolivians facing this difficult time

### Praises

- We're here!
- Open door to minister to the police



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