

# THE MCKINNEY FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO **BOLIVIA** SOUTH AMERICA

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Dear Prayer Partners and Supporters,

We know many of you have been praying for Hudson, and we praise the Lord that we finally have a diagnosis for his eye issues. As we mentioned in our last letter, Shera and Hudson traveled to the States for 2 weeks in early January to see a pediatric ophthalmologist. Hudson was diagnosed with a congenital condition that can only be corrected through surgery. We have been advised to have the surgery done this Spring. It has been scheduled for mid-May in the Chicago area near Shera's parents. Be in prayer for our family as we will be traveling to the US at the end of April for his operation. Although this isn't the diagnosis we hoped for, we are thankful for clear answers and that this procedure should be relatively quick and easy. The Lord has already filled our calendar during those weeks with several meetings to update churches that are close to the areas where we will be staying. We also will use this time to get paperwork done that we will need to renew our visas at the end of this year. Please pray that everything involving the surgery will go smoothly, and that we can return to Bolivia in June as planned.

Ministry started off in full swing at the start of 2023. God allowed Brother Ken and me to purchase materials to start a Bible Institute at the church. We are thrilled that 7 people have signed up and began classes the first week of February. Two of the young men have expressed interest in full time ministry and the other five students have a desire to learn more about God's Word. In December, we began having weekly youth activities on Saturday evenings. So far, our highest attendance has been 17 teenagers, and we are praying to have 20 who consistently attend in the coming weeks. It has been a great time of fun, as well as a time to preach the Word of God. The youth are the next generation of pastors and missionaries, and God has given us a desire to see young men and women serve the Lord with their lives. Monday nights have become Bible Study night in our home. Currently two young couples who have recently gotten saved attend faithfully every Monday for discipleship. We are praying both couples will soon join the church and get plugged into serving the Lord here in Riberalta.

It's hard to believe that next month marks the 1-year anniversary of the first official services at Iglesia Bautista Fe Viva! Please be in prayer as we hold special meetings March 10th-12th to celebrate.

Your servants for Christ's sake,

**The McKinney Family**

*Missionaries to Bolivia*



## Prayer Requests

- Hudson's surgery in May.
- Bible Institute and in-home Bible Study
- Upcoming 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary services

## Praises

- Diagnosis for Hudson
- Church growth



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