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Church Planting in Bolivia



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Dear Praying Friends,

Bolivia is beginning to seem like home. We are all getting adjusted to the many new things around us. The kids are even getting a bit of a Bolivian accent. Micah and Cherie are involved in a puppet ministry that is used for evangelistic outreaches and Micah also helps with the children in some of the churches. Angie is attending a university here and is also helping with the children's ministries. We would really appreciate your prayers for their daily safety.

Areas of Ministry-

Guapuru- has a growing group of people under the direction of a medical doctor. They are meeting in an open area with a roof over it. We are praying for the Lord to raise up a man to train as pastor. There are several men in the church who may be the one the Lord will use. The area is very poor and the people are humble and consecrated to the Lord. Pray for many new converts who are going through the first steps of Christian life, leaving the world and learning how to have victory in Christ. Pray especially for Leonel a carpenter, who is having a real battle with family and co-workers but is humbly receiving the word and growing. Pray also for Dr. Zenteno who is working with the group while attending to his regular medical practice. We attend Friday and Sunday nights helping with the preaching and children.

Toronjales- has a growing group of people under the direction of Angel, an electrician. Angel has a love for the Lord and is faithful in directing the music. He is being trained to become the pastor. One of the members, Carlos, received a bullet wound to the head during a robbery. The Lord miraculously spared his life but he is in a wheelchair and needs the constant care of his wife. They are faithful members of the church that meets in their home. David is preaching on Tuesday nights and training Angel.

27 de Mayo is a struggling work being head up by Freddie. It is our hope to help him get experience. He is a Bible school graduate but has never been able to work along with an experienced pastor. He has asked for our help in visitation and training. Angie is helping with the children on Sunday mornings in this church.

Iglesia Bautista Biblica- Is the large church here in Santa Cruz. Pastor Milton is its new pastor. He has also asked for help in the direction of the group. This church helps in a small way with several local workers, but is having financial problems. Many of the church members are out of work and those that do get very low salaries. The financial situation in Bolivia seems to have made the people more open to the gospel. We hardly ever see a small group in churches. People seem to be hungry for the Word of God. It is exciting to work here.

Christian School- One of the big responsibilities we have inherited is helping to improve a Christian school that is being run in the Iglesia Bautista Biblica. It is a challenge as there are students crowded in small classrooms both in the morning (elementary) and afternoon (jr. high- 1st year high school). The teachers seem interested in getting training in methods of discipline and evangelism. There is also a very big interest in learning English. Please pray for wisdom from the Lord as we work in a new culture. We want to be used of the Lord to reach lost people and disciple others. Our job is to leave strong churches with leaders who can train others. 2Tim. 2:2

We praise the Lord for allowing us to purchase a vehicle for the ministry. We had been traveling in public transportation for over a month and it has been exciting learning to take Micros (small buses) and taxis to get around. The car will be used among other things for getting out to many of the country churches which we have of yet been unable to visit. Thank you for praying. The Lord has been good to give us such faithful supporters.

We have been told that the postal service is not real dependable so please do not send us anything valuable in the mail. It would be best to work through the mission board when sending things to us. Our e-mail is working great and we would love to hear from you in that way. The regular mail takes about 3 to 4 weeks to arrive.

Your missionaries,
The Rackes