



The David Racke Family

Church Planting in Bolivia



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Dear Praying Friends,

It is a blessing to be able to write to you and ask for your prayers. We are very aware of our need for God's help and guidance daily. The spiritual battle for the souls of people is intense and we often feel its pressure.

Guapurú, one of the church planting ministries is growing. Four were baptized on Saturday and the services are well attended. One young man, Roberto, who was baptized, was told he would have to leave his home because of his decision. It is our deep desire for the Lord to raise up a man to train as pastor, but most are brand new Christians and very unstable. We are planning to start leadership training classes with the men.

Toronjales, another church being formed also has a good group of people attending. The majority that attends are children and young people. Almost all of them are from lost homes. Our whole family is involved in this work in teaching the children, young people and adults. Please pray for the protection of the many young people. Pray also for Carlos and Marta and their home. He was shot about a year ago in the robbery of his taxi. He is in a wheelchair and needs constant help.

The Christian school started in February and this has been a time-consuming part of the ministry. David is looking for someone to train as principal to be able to free himself up more. The school is a tremendous evangelistic opportunity with probably 80% of the students coming from lost homes. We are having daily chapels and a more concentrated effort to reach the parents and involve the church in the ministry this year.

The churches here in Bolivia have a special camp during the days of Carnival, a time when we are told the country gives itself over to all kinds of debauchery. The Carnival starts on the 21st of February and continues for four days. The Christians go out of town for a retreat and take lost friends with them. Many of the people in church tell us they have come to the Lord during the Carnival camp. David has been asked to speak this year. Please pray for spiritual power during this time.

On the home front we had the pleasure of having a visit from Christa during January. She is considering coming down to Bolivia to work. It was so good to have her and to have some family time off during her visit.

We want to thank each of you who bring us before the Lord in prayer. You are a vital part of the ministry here in Bolivia. May the Lord richly bless you.

Your missionaries,

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