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Church Planting in Bolivia



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"Missionaries are very human folk just doing what they're asked. Simply a bunch of nobodies trying to exalt Somebody." - Jim Elliot

Is it really possible that 4 years have come and gone since we arrived in Bolivia? We have experienced many times of joy and contentment throughout these years, but also many days of discouragement, confusion and frustration in our daily activities and working with the people here.

One particular high-point in our ministry has been to see the growth of the Grace Baptist Church (27 of May) during these last months. We began a youth ministry several months ago with about 5 young people (3 of them ours.) We are now running between 20-35 young people weekly. The church has a small soccer field which is a real drawing card, especially for the guys. The young people are finally learning how to sit and listen in the services and many are very interested. The gospel is completely new to them and we are trusting God to open their spiritual eyes to the truth of God's Word. The adult group continues to grow also and there are several new believers who we are praying will be able to take on more responsibility in the ministry. Continue to pray for Francisco. His wife left him and also left the four kids with him. He is without a place to live and the church is in the process of building him a room to stay in with his children. He has continued to be faithful to the Lord and really needs your prayers.

A couple weeks ago we had a wedding in the church for Marcelo and Viviana. They have 5 kids and have been living together for many years. It was really neat to see them commit themselves to each other and to God. Most of the people in the neighborhood showed up for the wedding and the gospel was preached. We had a meal afterwards and a special music group. It was a great way to get the people of the neighborhood to hear the gospel. We all had a lot of fun.

Micah graduated from high school in May. He is with Angie and Christa in Florida. All three of them are working. We are only left with Cherie, who is receiving lots of attention and love.

We will be leaving Bolivia the 28th of June to go back to the States. If you would like us to visit your church, we would be pleased to do so and present what the Lord has done here in Bolivia. Our email is davidracke@hotmail.com and **our stateside address will be 12118 14th Ave. E., Bradenton, FL 34212.** We will be living in the Bradenton Missionary Village.

Thanks for your investment in the ministry here for the last four years. Our hearts are grateful to you and to the Lord for always supplying our needs. We hope to see many of you soon.

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