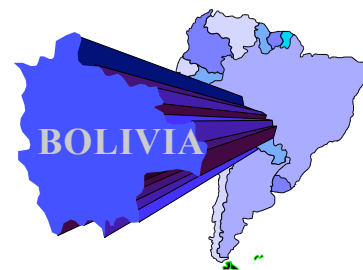




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Dear Praying Friends,

Isaiah 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left. Praise God that He has not left us to flounder about without direction in our lives. He promises with each step to guide us and show us his plan.

Our year here in the States is almost over. We have visited the majority of our churches and have enjoyed being with old friends and the Lord has given us new ones also. The Lord has given us a wonderful year in the Spanish ministry of Baptist Bible here in Bradenton. We have come to love the pastor and the precious people here. David continues to help with the preaching and the leadership training of the men. Heidi has a primary age SS class. We have seen such a need for helping Spanish ministries here in the US.

One of the main reasons we have had for being here this year is for Cherie's treatment. She has been to Shriner's Hospital several times and there is a rather long waiting time in between appointments. This week she will see her doctor for the first time. She is also to be admitted to the hospital for intensive therapy to work with her left hand and leg the 2nd week of May. We would greatly appreciate your prayers on her behalf. She also will be seeing a specialist for her left eye. Cherie is a joy to us as we see her close walk with the Lord despite her physical difficulties.

The Lord has also given us the opportunity to spend time with our other children helping them get adjusted to U.S. life. Christa continues her nursing and is helping in the Spanish church. She has a strong witness among her friends and is going to Ecuador on a missions trip. Angie is working and studying to be an occupational therapist. She also helps in the Sunday school in the Spanish ministry. Micah is working and we would appreciate your prayers for his spiritual condition. We long to see him actively serving the Lord. Beth and Samuel continue their deputation to go to Peru.

The political condition in Bolivia is rather unstable at this time. On May 4th the Santa Cruz area where we have been working is having a referendum to declare themselves autonomous. The government at this time is very centralized, with almost all decisions coming from the central government. Santa Cruz is demanding more control of its own for decisions in education and other areas. Several groups have announced that they will start a civil war over the change, but we have yet to see what will happen. Many times the talk is more than the actions in Bolivia.

Our plans, as of now, are to return to Bolivia in June. The harvest is great and laborers few. Thank you for your faithfulness to our Lord.

Your missionaries,
David and Heidi Racke