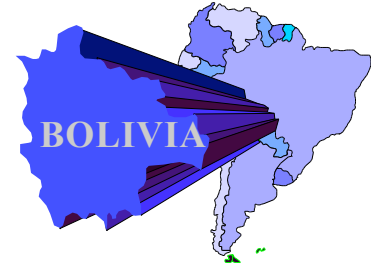




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Dear Praying Friends,

When we see the consequences of sin our hearts are broken. Sunday morning, on the way to pick up a brother who is in a wheelchair, David saw two men fighting with blows that were drawing blood as a result of their drunkenness. Sunday night our service was bombarded with music from across the street. It was a party to the virgin (a custom here in Bolivia). At the end of the service, as we left, we saw an older lady who could not stand because she was so drunk. A container of pure alcohol mixed with tea was used to get the people drunk. The woman was being taken home by two men. She was crying. Please pray that we will be bold and that their blinded eyes will be opened to the Savior who can rescue them from sin.

David arrived in Bolivia at the end of June and Heidi and Cherie arrived in July. We found our house well cared-for and are getting back into a routine. Cherie is back in school and also is helping a lot in the work. Please pray the Lord would give us wisdom as we seek to expand into new areas while we try to help in the works we were working in last term.

In Toronjal (the church in the car body shop) the believers have stayed faithful during our year of absence. They have asked that we have a Bible institute for them to prepare workers. We plan to have it on Sunday night before the night service. The church has a large group of children who attend and Heidi is working on a curriculum to teach them the whole Bible.

In Grace Baptist Church there is a good group of young people who attend, but we have seen very few saved. Pray for this work, that the Lord would open the eyes of the young people. They have heard the gospel many times but we have had no harvest yet. We are planning an evangelistic campaign during the month of October. On Saturdays we are having a weekly Bible club. The children love to be at church and we long to see them protected from the sad lifestyle of their parents.

Our four older children stayed in the US. Beth and Samuel continue raising their support to go to Peru. Christa continues in nursing, and is active in a Hispanic ministry in Florida. Angie is studying occupational therapy and working. Micah is working at Lowe's hardware. We miss our children and desire that each would serve the Lord with their lives. Please pray for them.

The political situation is about the same. There is a struggle between the Eastern and Western sides of the country. They have quite different ideas about the future of Bolivia. Pray that we will be faithful and bold while we have the opportunity to witness.

Thank you so much for your part in this ministry-especially for your prayers.

Your missionaries,

David and Heidi Racke