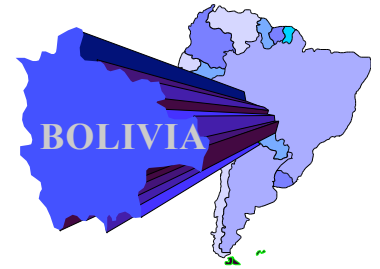




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Dear Praying Friends,

We trust that this letter finds each of you rejoicing in the Lord and serving Him.

We would like to share with you some of the things that have been happening in our lives here in Bolivia. During the months of December and January there were two camps held involving several churches in the area. The first was for young people and there were around 80 campers. The camp was supposed to be held in a small town about three hours away, but plans had to be changed at the last moment because of lots of rain and bad roads. David was in charge of the counselors and each of them had very good attitudes and were a great help to the campers. Several of the teens made professions of faith. The second camp was during carnival and was planned for families to get away from the city during this time. There was a good group, around 150 people, and it was a great time. David spoke each morning on the subject, "The enemy in your own house." Another missionary spoke on "Why we are Baptists."

David has been going to the Valley (which is about 3 hours from our home here in Santa Cruz) every month to fill in for another missionary that is on furlough. There are 3 churches there that do not have pastors right now. They have a young people's service on Saturdays, or a Sunday school time, depending on the church, and on Sundays there is an evening service. Most of the people are farmers.

David is also teaching three days a week at the Christian school. He teaches 9th through 12th graders Psychology and Philosophy, which are subjects the Bolivian students are required to take. He sees this as a golden opportunity to impact these over 80 students for the Lord.

Bolivia has had an epidemic of Dengue (carried by mosquitoes). Last weekend the entire city was shut down so people could have time to clean out trash and other things on their properties that were being used by mosquitoes to reproduce. 22 people have died throughout the country and 13 here in Santa Cruz.

Heidi has started a new Sunday school class for young ladies at the 27th of May church. There are several attending. Please pray for their salvation.

Francisco, Victoria's husband, made a profession of faith about 2 weeks ago. He is still having a serious drinking problem and they have lost their home. He is searching for the Lord and realizes his need. Pray that the Holy Spirit would be able to work in his life and help him understand about salvation and that he would be able to overcome his drinking problem with the Lord's strength.

We have scheduled an evangelistic campaign for April 23 - 25. We have a visiting Pastor preaching and on Sunday we are planning to show the movie "Fireproof," which is especially for married couples. Please pray that God's spirit would break down Satan's strongholds in the 27th of May neighborhood. There are still many young people attending services that have not been saved. The Toronjal church will be helping with the visitation for the campaign. We are looking forward to what God will do.

Thank you for the faithful support and prayers you have given us through the many years. We are blessed to have each of you as our supporters.

With grateful hearts,

David and Heidi Racke