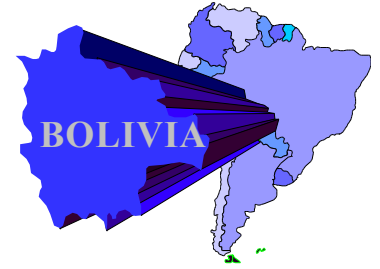




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“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.” Ephesians 6:12

Dear Praying Friends,

This verse has been much on my mind the last few weeks as we work with people and see the great spiritual needs of others. All around us (and around you also) there is a great spiritual battle going on for the souls of men.

A little boy named Michael, who is 5 years old, comes faithfully to the Toronjal church. His father is an alcoholic, and the family suffers because of this. On two occasions, he has come to church to talk with me about how the devil comes knocking on the door of their house and tells him he is going to kill his father.

Another girl, who is 13 years old, has been attending the young people’s group we have on Saturday nights in Toronjal. Her mother told us that she is involved in a gang and has been locked up in a room for 3 days with drugs in her stomach to see if she is able to carry them across the border into Brazil.

My heart is heavy for the young people who are so vulnerable to the wicked world around them. Please pray that the young people who attend the churches will remain strong, and that others will be reached with God’s love.



Claudia is 23 years old and has been attending the church on and off for some time. About 3 weeks ago she accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized on Sunday, along with 5 others. She has a young son and is living with her boyfriend. She is praying about what God would have her do in this situation. Her boyfriend’s name is Gustavo. We are praying for his salvation.

Miguel and Daniel are brothers (4 and 5 years old) who live near the church in the 27 of May neighborhood. A few months ago their mother left them to live with another man, and they are now living with another family in the neighborhood who are not even relatives. There is no father around anywhere. They come to church completely untaken care of. I take soap and a washcloth to Bible club on Saturdays, and we have fun getting them all cleaned up. Last week, Miguel asked me to bring a brush for his nails next week. My heart aches for these kids and so many others just like them that have no one to love them. What a blessing to be able to love them with Christ's love and to know that God can work in their lives. I love to be able to have them sit around me, and tell them Bible stories with the theme that God will never leave them or forsake them.



Three weeks ago, I began teaching English at the Christian school. I thoroughly enjoy working with the kids. I am so grateful for the opportunity the Lord has given me to be a part of the school. Last week, several of the senior guys were caught doing something against the rules and had to be expelled for 3 days. After David talked to them about the situation, one of the guys who is in the pre-military with neither of his parents in the country, came up to David with his arms outstretched, hugged him, and said, "Thank you for trying to help us." David is the closest thing they have to a father that cares for them. The Lord has brought many from the school to a saving knowledge of Him, who would never have been won in the church. Pray that God would work in the lives of the students, and that there would be a real revival in the school.



We are so thankful for those of you who pray. In this spiritual battle, PRAYER is the weapon that we need more than any other. Please help us to pray and plead that the Holy Spirit will have free course to work in people's lives here in Bolivia.

In Christ's love,

David and Heidi Racke