

Dear Co-Laborers,

Your ongoing prayers and support continue to be a source of strength and encouragement for us in Bolivia. We want to share with you what has been happening recently:

On a personal note, on July 19-29th we finally made it to Brazil for a long overdue visit for medical check up. This visit was particularly significant as it marked my first return to Brazil for medical evaluation two years after my last retina surgery. During my previous surgery, the Lord graciously connected me with a fellow believer who introduced me to his retinologist. This specialist performed a follow-up procedure using laser treatment, which proved to be instrumental in preserving my eyesight.

I am pleased to report that this recent evaluation confirmed that the second intervention was crucial in saving my vision. Although I still have a small retina tear, the laser touch-up effectively halted its progression. The Lord is so faithful and merciful! As a result, I currently retain approximately 50% of my original vision in that eye. I am able to drive, although I am cautious and prefer to limit my driving at night.

The nation of Bolivia is facing an escalating crisis with severe economic and social repercussions. Bolivia is on the brink of a significant collapse, both economically and socially, with conditions deteriorating daily. The economic outlook is particularly troubling, as Bolivia's current situation is only marginally better than Venezuela's. The scarcity of U.S. dollars has led to a dramatic devaluation of the local currency. This has caused a severe increase in the cost of goods and services overnight. Additionally, widespread protests have resulted in frequent road blockages, primarily due to the government's inability to afford fuel imports. In response to the deteriorating conditions, many Bolivians who are able to do so are seeking stability elsewhere by migrating to other countries. Despite these challenging circumstances, it is reassuring to remember that the Lord remains sovereign and in control. His presence provides hope and assurance amidst the chaos.

This August 3-6 we had our annual national family conference in Santa Cruz with several

hundred believers in attendance. We thank the Lord for no road blocks during these days allowing believers from other cities in Bolivia to attend this conference. The theme was "The Christian Life". This theme was beautifully explained in 6 key messages. I really enjoyed each message but especially, "The Grafted Life" message based on John 15, Ro. 11: 17-24; I Cor. 6:17. Juaquina Figueroa, one of our cherished elderly saints. She has been living with the assistance of a pacemaker for many years, but has recently encountered serious health issues. We deeply value her presence and the joy she brings to our church family. We pray for the Lord's will regarding her health. Additionally, Sister Nicanora Galarza, a key member of our church in the Olives, is in urgent need of a pacemaker. Unfortunately, we are currently unable to get pacemakers through our pacemaker bank. This situation adds urgency to her need for medical intervention. We would greatly appreciate your prayers for both Juaquina and Nicanora during this challenging time.

Thank you for your faithful support and prayers for our ministry in Bolivia.

In Christ,
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