

the WHITE family

Missionaries to

BOLIVIA

Thankful:

The Bible tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 that it is God's will that we give thanks in everything. One of the areas that we as Christians are probably weakest in is giving thanks to the Lord for everything that we have in our lives. If we stop for a moment and think about all the blessings that the Lord has given us, how can we not thank Him? Although we should thank the Lord daily, this is a special time of year when we can remember to be thankful for all that the Lord has done for us. Thanksgiving is not a holiday that is celebrated here in Bolivia but it gives us a great opportunity to remind the people that we are training that they too have much to be thankful for. Besides celebrating thanksgiving as a family this past month, we also had all the pastor's and their families to our house for a meal and time of fellowship and giving thanks. Although we substituted chicken for the Turkey (It cost \$60+ here) we had all the fixings and deserts to make a great Thanksgiving meal. At the end, we went around the table and each person told what they were thankful for and how the Lord had blessed them this past year. It was a great time of praise and thanksgiving to our Lord, that is so good to us.

Strong Families, Strong Church:

It is pretty easy to see, almost anywhere you go today, that the family is under attack both by Satan and the world. This is very concerning when we realize that the family is the key building block to the church. In other words, strong families equal a strong church, while weak families equal a weak church. This past month I had the privilege to travel to Peru to teach in a family conference at the Lighthouse Baptist Church where Juan Pacheco pastors. Each night the church divided into groups and had special activities like skits and music. My favorite was the last night when each group had to prepare deserts and me along with another pastor had to taste each one and decide which was the best. At each service the church was packed with several hundred people and many that were visiting the church for the first time. I pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen families and in doing so continue to strengthen His church.

The Church is Growing:

It is always encouraging to see when people grow in the Lord and how He continues to add to His church. This past month, our church in Pacata had fifteen people taking membership classes and Lord willing this month they will be accepted as new members. It is exciting to see as the church grows, that they can have a greater impact on their community and the work the Lord has for them. Also in our church in Cochabamba they had a young man that got baptized and for the special day he brought his grandmother and several family members that had never visited the church before. We praise the Lord as the churches reach out, disciple and help their people take the next step, that the church continues to grow and have a greater impact for the Lord.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen families that are suffering.
2. Pray for our upcoming Christmas time and activities in the churches here.
3. Pray for the students in our Bible college that are preparing to serve the Lord.
4. Pray for us as we make the final preparations to start our new church.



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