

the WHITE family

Missionaries to

BOLIVIA

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Reaching Families:

This past month, Beth and I was able to visit some missionary friends in Argentina and teach in a conference they had. Because of the flight schedule we ended up having to stay the night in Buenos Aires before flying to Rosario the next day. While in Buenos Aires we were able to visit with Stephen and Ashley Underwood who recently arrived to start their ministry there. We were also able to go to the area where they are praying about starting the church and survey four different neighborhoods. We are praying the Lord will continue to open doors for them as they begin. In Rosario, we were able to visit with Shawn and Emily Bateman to teach in their family conference they had. It was amazing to see how the Lord has been blessing their ministry and how the church is growing. We had two nights of services and then all day Saturday at a camp with divided sessions where Beth taught the ladies and I the men. We finished up on Sunday where we had a question and answer time about everything from marriage to raising children. It was very encouraging to see the hunger that the people had for learning biblical principles about marriage and raising their children in the things of the Lord. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless Shawn and Emily as they reach the people of Rosario Argentina.

Busy Bee:

I can remember, when I was younger, hearing the saying "busy as a bee". I probably had no idea then what it was really like to be busy, but in the ministry, and especially with starting the new church, we have been busy as a hive of bees. We are going to be starting with English classes to get to know people in the area and hopefully make contacts for our first service. We will be handing out several thousand invitation for the classes and then the same for our first church service, that will be a week later. We are also going to be doing Facebook advertising for the area and also have several contacts for people that live close that we are going to be visiting. Along with this, our Bible college classes will be starting the same time. (I'm not sure who planned all this right together.) :) Although we are very busy, we are also very excited about what the Lord is going to do in the coming months through the church.

Carnaval:

Here in Bolivia, every year, around the end of February, they celebrate an ancient tradition known as Carnaval. This would coincide with the famous Mardi Gras celebration in New Orleans every year. In Bolivia it is mixed with both Catholic and Pagan traditions but is usually a time when most people party for four days, leading up to the forty days of lent, that ends with Holy Week, where they try and make up for or pay for all their sins. For many, it is a time of playing with water balloons etc but in other places like Oruro Bolivia there is a very large celebration known around the world. They have dances that both celebrate the Virgen of Candelaria and also to the Tío which means uncle in Spanish but represents the devil. All of this in hopes of appeasing both the Virgen and the Tío or Devil so that they will have success in their lives and endeavors. What it really shows is the great need that they have for salvation in Christ.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for our English classes that many will come so we can invite them to the church.
2. Pray for the churches here that the Lord will continue to guide and bless.
3. Pray for Pastor Pablo as they continue to work on their paper work for the new land.
4. Pray that the Lord will begin now to prepare hearts for our new church.



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