

the WHITE family

Missionaries to

BOLIVIA

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Helping Churches:

As missionaries, we are constantly working to keep our focus on the most important thing which is starting churches and training pastors for the ministry. We praise the Lord that He has blessed us with several churches that we have been able to start and a great group of guys that we are working with, training for the ministry. This past month we were presented with a new but different opportunity to be able to accomplish our goal. I was contacted by two different, established churches looking for help because their attendance has dwindled and they are struggling. The first church is a church that we helped start years ago in a city called Cobija. I am meeting with the pastor a couple of times a month to help plan his preaching, visiting, and discipleship. I am also meeting with a group of men from the church once a month to help plan activities to reach new people. The other church is here in Cochabamba and I am going to help them to reorganize and relaunch the church. This will include helping them have membership classes over the next few months and a special service to help refocus the church. It has been a lot of extra work for me but a blessing to hopefully help these churches be strong again.

Helping Mothers:

This past month we celebrated mother's day here in Bolivia. As we have mentioned before, mothers are usually the central figure in the family and the main one taking the lead with most of the responsibility. That is why mother's day includes a much larger celebration than father's day and even other holidays. At church we had a mother's day service with a special program from the children and then they each gave a gift to their mother or one of the mothers in the church. We also had a special gift for each mother and a special message from the church on how to be a Virtuous Mother. At the end of the service, we had a traditional meal that is called spicy chicken. We praise the Lord for these ladies and the sacrifice they make to be the best mother possible for the Lord.

Helping Disciplers:

In our first church, we have been having a special focus every two months on one of the areas that we are hoping to strengthen in the ministry. The first focus was on evangelism and this time it was on discipleship. We had a special Sunday where the whole service was dedicated to making disciples. I also had a discipleship training time during Sunday School for several weeks, and after each person received a certificate showing that they had completed the training. Our desire is to get each person involved either by being discipled by someone or discipling someone else. We know that discipleship is the key to a healthy growing church where people are becoming true disciples of Christ. Our next focus will be on serving, where we hope that as each person grows in the Lord they will be willing to serve in the body of Christ.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for the churches here in Bolivia and around the world that the Lord will continue to build them up.
2. Pray for our new church in Chiquicollo as we seek to reach many in the community.
3. Pray for Bolivia as our economic and political situation continues to be more strained.
4. Pray for the churches in Pacata and Quillacollo as they hope to start building soon.



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