

Missionaries to

BOLIVIA

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Calm in the Storm:

Nowadays, we see so much turmoil in our world that there is no wonder we have such a problem with depression, anxiety and more. I feel like in most cases this is more a spiritual problem than not, and lack of living in the Peace of God. With the storms of life raging, what is need more than anything else, is Peace and Calm in the storm. This past month we had our annual youth conference, and that was our main focus for the young people. Showing them how they can have peace in middle of the storms of life. We had visiting with us Bro. Jeff Bush, our missions director, and Bro. John Pearson from our home church. The preaching was focused on Psalms 23 and how the Shepherd can give us that peace. We were able to decorate the church with storm clouds in the ceiling and a banner that showed a guy standing in the storm. This year, we had a different church from our team, each night, that was responsible for everything from the music, games and even the snack afterwards. It was truly a great blessing and we saw many young people make decisions in their lives, and come to know how they can overcome the stress, anxiety and depression, and live in the Peace of the Shepherd.

Building Progress:

We praise the Lord that progress has been made with two of our churches, with their construction and the plan to move to the new location as soon as possible. In Pacata they have been building now for a couple of months and are at the point that they will be able to transition to the new land by the first of September, and from that point will have all their service on the new land. This is a huge accomplishment and something that they have been doing on their own. In Quillacollo, with the help of another missionary friend Jacob McKinney, they now have the walls up around the land, and the structure for the auditorium, and just lack the roof. They are hoping even as it is, to be able to start having services on the land in the next few months. This means the will probably put a tarp up for the roof and the sides to help with the wind. With both we are still working on getting the paperwork in order and are still struggling especially with Quillacollo. If you ever want to grow in patience just do paper work in a foreign country. :). Please pray for both these churches, that the Lord will provide and bless in their transition.

Training Progress:

For the past three months we have had intern, Anna Austin with us and she is in the last stages of her preparation at the training center at Visions Baptist Missions. She is finishing up her first three months and will return in January for the second three months to finish her internship before she graduates. She has been not only learning the language, but also culture and ministry on the mission field. We praise the Lord for the opportunity to invest in these young peoples lives and pray that Anna will be greatly used by the Lord.

Prayer Requests:

- 1. Pray for the churches in Pacata and Ouillacollo especially for the paper work.
- 2. Pray for the young people here that face more challenges than ever.
- 3. Pray for our government and economy as things continue to get worse.
- 4. Pray for our upcoming Pastor's Training we will have next month (September).



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